



PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Moruya Surf Life Saving Club reports: "Results are in from the Sydney Water Surf Series. In some hot conditions, rounds 3&4 played out at Wollongong due to next week's clash with the Beach Stormers. Zara delivered an outstanding performance, finishing undefeated as the U17 Flags Champion and placing 2nd overall in the U17 Beach Sprint. She then backed it up in the Opens division, securing an impressive 2nd overall in Flags. Congratulations Zara; an incredible effort!"

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## Council strengthens back-up power for emergencies

As we begin to feel the heat of summer, Eurobodalla residents can have peace of mind knowing emergency evacuation centres across the shire will have reliable back-up power ready to go.

**Eurobodalla Council** has installed generator changeover switches at various key locations, including emergency evacuation centres, allowing generators to be connected and brought online as required. Council secured a \$440,000 grant from the NSW Reconstruction Authority to support the project.

Six generators have been delivered and are ready to be deployed to emergency evacuation centres as needed.

Council's local emergency management officer Angus Barnes worked with Council's infrastructure team to confirm coverage, site suitability and make sure the generators were fit for purpose.

"Now we can provide a greater level of comfort for people who have evacuated during emergencies," Mr Barnes said.

On Tuesday December 9, Mr Barnes briefed Councillors on the government-released fire-season outlook. The briefing included bushfire and storm preparedness, updates on expected conditions and how Council is working with emergency services to prepare. Eurobodalla Mayor Mathew Hatcher urged residents to do their bit and have a plan now. "Everyone should get their plan ready now so they can spend the rest of summer enjoying themselves and not worrying about if they're ready," Mayor Hatcher said.

"Our emergency services crews do an incredible job in dangerous conditions, and we can support them by being ready, listening to warnings and acting early when needed.

"It is important everyone has a plan, knows it, and has an evacuation kit with a battery-powered radio so they can stay informed and know where to go if the power goes out.

"I encourage everyone to check out the Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide recently delivered to mailboxes or pick up a copy at our libraries - use it to double-check plans for the season ahead."

## COUNCIL AGENDA - 16 December 2025

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025

COMMENCING AT 12:30 PM

### AGENDA

1. WELCOME
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES Nil
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2025
5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
6. PUBLIC FORUM
7. MAYORAL REPORTS Nil
8. NOTICES OF MOTION Nil
9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS
- QON25/007 Update on Advocacy for Oncology and Radiology Services at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital
10. PETITIONS Nil
11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS Nil
12. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS
- PER25/022 Animal Shelter Design & Construction

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PER25/023 Post Exhibition Review and Adoption of draft Local Orders Policy - Keeping of Animals  
 PER25/024 DAO467/25 - Demolish existing motel and construction of a new motel - 213 Princes Highway Narooma  
 PER25/025 Climate change scenarios for Batemans Bay and Moruya  
 PER25/026 Formation of the Housing Advisory Group

13. FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS FCS25/070 Land purchase - North Moruya Industrial Estate  
 FCS25/071 Code of Conduct complaints statistics report  
 FCS25/072 Policy Review - Code of Meeting Practice  
 FCS25/080 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Updated Internal Audit Charter  
 FCS25/081 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee 2024-25 Annual Report  
 FCS25/082 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee - Meeting Minutes 22 October 2025  
 FCS25/083 Investments made as at 30 November 2025

14. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS  
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 IR25/020 Moruya Emergency Services Precinct & Sale Part Lot 10 DP1293843, Princes Highway Moruya  
 IR25/021 Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2009692 - Moruya Sewer Servicing Works  
 IR25/022 Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2425-182 - Sewer Rehabilitation and Maintenance Program 2025-2029  
 IR25/023 Local Transport Forum No.4 for 2025-26  
 15. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS  
 CAR25/017 Bay Pavilions Service Review Outcomes  
 16. URGENT BUSINESS  
 17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION  
 18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS



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- Household bin collection, street litter bins and street sweeper services will continue as normal.
- The swimming pools at Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma will open as normal except on Christmas Day
- Moruya Airport will open as normal.
- The Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden will open as normal except Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
- Community aged care and disability services will provide essential planned services.
- The Job Shop will close at 4pm on Wednesday 24 December 2025 and reopen as usual on Monday 5 January 2026.

For emergencies phone Council's after-hours service on 4474 1000 or 1800 755 760.



## Free tech café drop-in sessions

Term 4 2025 - 13 October - 19 December

Narooma - Mondays 10.00am - 12.15pm - Narooma Golf Club

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# The Nature Coast - Camels for Corrigan and Gorilla fun

Social Media was abuzz last week as Council started installing the first two of 22 Gillie and Marc sculptures donated to Council through the Cultural Gifts Program. (See MM107) Some loved and some loathed the sculptures, and many had fun with AI and general digital mischief - such as the Batemans Bay SES (photo above) digitally dressing up Mina, the 3.5m lowland gorilla - valued at \$250k.

The costs of installing the first two (and largest) sculptures (including 'The Splendid Fairywren Loved Adventure with Rabbitwoman and Dogman' sculpture at NATA Oval, Narooma.) was \$8000.

Meanwhile, Council has received a DA for a Camel farm from Gundaroo to conduct camel rides at Corrigan. Council welcomes comments from the community about a licence for camel beach rides from Corrigan Beach Reserve.

Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to grant a licence up to 5 years and renewals to Bushfield Farm Camels to conduct camel rides from Corrigan Beach Reserve, Batehaven - Lot 7 DP 1041103 (Crown Reserve 66122).



Mina digitally dressed by the BB SES



Ride a Camel ?Photo: Bushfield Farm Camels

Council will accept written submissions regarding this proposal until 22 December 2025 at 4pm. Please quote 'LLC0635' in your written comments. Closing date for submissions: Monday 22 December 2025, 4.00pm.

# Coopers Island Road sell-off opposed by speakers



Max Castle and Tom Webster from Tuross Head

Four of the five presenters to Council Public Access session on Tuesday addressed Council proposal to sell Coopers Island Road to the landholder of Coopers Island. (see pages 10 - 12 for some of the presentations).

Max Castle, representing for the Peak Recreational Fishing Body - Recreational Fishing Alliance for NSW said "It is disappointing access to Bowns Creek and Trunketabella Lake has not been reopened as instructed by a previous General Manager. Her instructions to remove fencing has been ignored."

"The proposed Coopers Is Road closure will eliminate safe and reasonable access to a public waterway which as existed for at least 100 years. I understand our first nations people are very concerned and they express their concerns."

"The proposed sale of Coopers Is Road eliminates safe and easy access by using Coopers rd. On that basis Council are effectively closing down part of a public waterway. This position needs to be challenged as Council don't have that authority."



Uncle Ron Mason Snr, Bodalla Elder Uncle Cecil Stewart and Uncle Terry Hill attended the ESC Public Access on Tuesday.

Mylene Boulting asked "what has happened since 2021 that has led to a 180 degree about-turn and instead propose to sell this road?"

Recreation fisher Sue Dunk called for retaining public and cultural access. "It's not just fishers and kayakers."

Tuross River Bridge is 18 km round trip - It's not an option.

Doubt anyone in the room could do it.

40m x 15m strip of crown land.

Chris Jones, past secretary of Tuross Lakes Preservation Group recalled work to replant degraded banks from the 1990s.

Walbunja elder Terry Hill called the actions of council being used as a tool of dispossession. "The site is important... it's not just a Koori issue - it's a whole of community issue."

Mr Hill said "If causeway was crown land and the given away it's has breached the native title act....Let's put a ramp in and develop it for everyone.... Council is being used to take away our birthright."

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# New Eurobodalla Southern Storage Dam wall now completed

The dam wall for Eurobodalla's southern water storage facility is finished. A major step in securing the shire's future water supply, the 3,000 megalitre off-river storage by the Tuross River is ready for site revegetation and the final electrical and mechanical systems to be installed before testing begins.

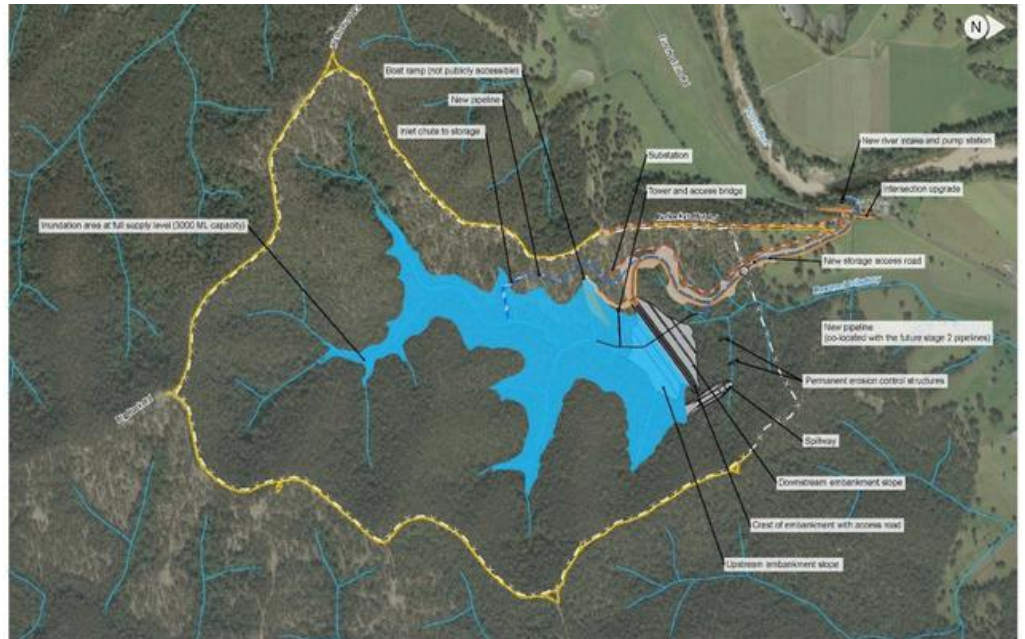
**Eurobodalla Council's director of infrastructure Graham Attenborough says** it will take some time to fill the dam.

"Once testing is complete, we need the right conditions – with good flow in the Tuross, before we can begin pumping water into storage. Likely it will take another six months to fill and fully commission the facility," Mr Attenborough says.

Council's project manager Harvey Lane says the project is critical to the shire's long-term water security.

"The southern storage complements our main facility at Deep Creek Dam and, in the short term, provides a backup supply during dry periods," Mr Lane says.

"For the near future, residents will only draw on the southern storage if the region is in drought and Deep Creek is depleted.



Mr Attenborough says plans are afoot to open up the facility for community inspection some time in the new year, once some water is in the storage.

"We're proud of this project and want residents to see the benefits for themselves," he says.

## Shifting gears, roundabout reducing summer congestion



With just a few finishing touches still remaining, Malua Bay's residents and visitors are enjoying new-found flow around the new roundabout on George Bass Drive.

Summer traffic congestion has turned a corner with a new roundabout at Malua Bay. This is Eurobodalla's second major roundabout for George Bass Drive this year, with the first finished at Broulee in July.

**Eurobodalla Council's director of infrastructure Graham Attenborough says** the Malua Bay roundabout will tame peak-period traffic, where the intersection with Sylvan Street and Kuppa Avenue serves both a large number of homes and a popular beachfront reserve and shops.

"It's smoother and safer for everyone. Roundabouts don't just keep traffic moving – they reduce the number and severity of accidents, and add crossing points for pedestrians," Mr Attenborough says. Roundabouts are part of Council's Transport Network Plan – which outlines a shire-wide approach to a safe, accessible and built to last roads. Construction of another major roundabout will soon be underway, this time on the Princes Highway at the southern edge of Moruya, supporting housing development in the town's south and improving access to TAFE, the Essential Energy station and future emergency operations centre.

"We're not stopping there," Mr Attenborough says.

"We're working hard to secure funding for another roundabout from our Transport Network Plan, this time at Broulee's Train Street – again to reduce congestion and improve safety."

Big roundabouts come with a big price tag and need to be part of the bigger plan for a safe and efficient road network that serves the shire into the future. Council secured \$4 million of Australian Government Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream money for Moruya and \$3.3 million of NSW Government Fixing Country Roads funding for Malua Bay. The NSW Government is also building a roundabout to service the new Eurobodalla Hospital.



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# Prune in secret, pay in public says Council



No mere stealthy trimming, Eurobodalla's seaside trees and shrubs are being brazenly cut or poisoned. Along clifftops, foreshores and reserves this vandalism is deliberate and damaging, with residents paying the price for new-found views.

**Eurobodalla Council's** coordinator of environmental health and compliance Noel Fuller says vandalising vegetation is the same as attacking any other public asset. "Poisoning a tree is the same as spraying graffiti on a toilet block or smashing a park bench," Mr Fuller says.

"By removing seaside vegetation you are losing food, shelter and breeding sites for small birds and mammals, and increasing the risk of weeds and erosion," Mr Fuller says.

"In fact, frequently targeted vegetation includes listed vulnerable ecosystems like coastal heath, which persists in areas between homes and the ocean. Clearing for views takes from these valuable remnant ecosystems. Once they are gone, they're gone."

Penalties for illegally clearing or injuring native vegetation on public land are significant, with on-the-spot fines for breaking branches, sawing limbs or trimming for views. If matters proceed to court the penalties are more serious. As a deterrent to further damage, Council also installs view screens at sites where trees have been illegally removed.

"View-blocking screens are left in place until vegetation is restored through natural regeneration – this can take several years," Mr Fuller says.

"It's not something we want to do, but in the absence of an identified offender it's the most effective way to deter further damage and protect the area. We also encourage the community to dob-in any suspected tree vandalism as it happens. Reporting in real time means we can actively protect biodiversity – a quick call can make all the difference."

Concerned citizens can report vegetation vandalism to Council's rangers on 4474 1019. For more information on tree and vegetation removal visit [Council's website](#).



*View screens have been installed at sites of illegal vegetation clearing as a deterrent to further damage. They are not removed until replanted vegetation matures.*

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# Government's health inquiry response sets out reform agenda

The **Minns Labor Government** has formally responded to the Special Commission of Inquiry into Healthcare Funding (Health Inquiry), placing health workers, preventative care, hospital infrastructure, and federal funding, at the cornerstones of its agenda for reform.

The Health Inquiry visited every local health district and speciality health network across metropolitan as well as regional NSW, receiving 226 written submissions; hearing testimony from 225 witnesses over 70 days of hearings, including clinicians, patients, unions, providers and policy experts.

The Minns Labor Government response supports in full or in principle the majority of the 41 recommendations from the over 1,000-page report prepared by the Inquiry, with work already underway to address a number of the recommendations.

## Supporting and empowering health workers

Health workers are at the centre of the Minns Labor Government's health reform agenda. Priority work in progress includes the development of an internal locum agency within NSW Health, working closely with the Health Services Union (HSU) to support an award modernisation process, and supporting clinicians to work to their full scope of practice across the healthcare workforce.

As part of the Minns Labor Government response, NSW Health will:

- review its approach to statewide clinical service planning over the next 12 months, to determine the best ways to identify health needs and shape future public health services;
- enhance transparency by establishing a central workforce unit to better monitor data on workforce supply and demand to guide workforce strategies that will help to fill vacancies, address and prevent future workforce supply challenges, and to inform future workforce planning across local health districts;
- strengthen the focus of workforce wellbeing by creating a Chief Wellbeing Officer to lead system wide wellbeing strategies and actions from the People Matter Employment Survey to enhance staff wellbeing and engagement; and
- strengthen prevention and early intervention on staff safety and wellbeing, along with the enhancement of the complaints and grievance portal for staff.

Priority work already underway, in conjunction with the Health Services Union (HSU), includes:

- Establishing an internal locum agency, to provide an alternative service offering in addition to the third-party locum agency model. A central approach to the management of this critical workforce will reduce the recruitment burden on hospital staff, the administrative burden on doctors, as well as the State's spend on locum agency fees over the coming decade.
- Modernising industrial awards. NSW Health has committed to working with the Health Services Union to reform allied health industrial awards and is committed to working with states, territories and the Commonwealth to remove barriers to support health practitioners to work to their optimal scope of practice.

· **Supporting practitioners to work to their full scope of practice** through innovative workforce models, including recent trials of paramedics working within emergency departments and within the community.

## Preventative healthcare

It is clear from escalating demand on our hospitals from an increasingly aged population that preventative healthcare will become even more central to the function of our health system.

To that end, the Minns Labor Government, through NSW Health, will:

- develop a statewide paediatric strategic plan to clearly define roles and care pathways for the delivery of world-class care to children across the state; and
- continue to examine low value, cost inefficient medical interventions and diagnostics while also invest in alternate and preventative models of care to deliver outcomes that matter to patients and provide long-term sustainability for the health system.

This builds on the existing work of our health system geared towards prevention, including promoting healthy eating and active living, reducing the prevalence of diabetes, supporting a healthy start to life in the first 2000 days, improving oral, mental and sexual health, and reducing tobacco and e-cigarette, and drug and alcohol related harms.

## Hospitals meeting community health needs

The Health Inquiry examined health infrastructure noting our hospitals must 'reflect an assessment of the health needs of the population'.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to delivering the hospitals and beds our community needs and deserves, including delivering new hospitals for Rouse Hill and Bankstown, new upgrades to Blacktown, Fairfield and Canterbury, and more beds for Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals.

Further work completed by NSW Health or currently underway includes:

- **An Infrastructure and Asset Management Division has been established** within NSW Health, streamlining capital planning, infrastructure delivery and strategic asset management to ensure investments are sustainable, efficient and responsive to emerging challenges.
- **Expanded wait time monitoring** including moving to increased central oversight of wait time monitoring in public specialist outpatient clinics through the rollout of the Single Digital Patient Record. Emergency department wait time reporting measures have also been expanded to include quarterly reporting against new Hospital Access Targets.

## NSW's fair share of Commonwealth funding

The Health Inquiry made two sobering observations – the challenges in accessing primary care (GPs); and the lack of Commonwealth Government aged care and NDIS placements, are both placing tremendous pressure on state hospitals.

State governments are responsible for hospitals, and we're making record investment in the NSW public hospital system.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth is responsible for primary care, aged care and NDIS. The difficulty accessing these services however are impacting state hospitals as people who are unable to find a GP end up presenting to emergency departments.

Patients ready to be discharged lay waiting in hospital beds because they cannot access an aged care or NDIS placement.

The NSW Government's response makes it clear that it will continue to strongly advocate with fellow states and territories, for its fair share of health funding from the Commonwealth Government.

## Reforming the health system

The Health Inquiry and the changes arising from it build on the Minns Labor Government's reform of the health system, delivering more staff, building more hospitals, delivering more beds, and beginning to turnaround the long wait times – wait times that exploded under the Liberals who cut staff, delayed hospital construction, and planned to privatise hospitals.

The NSW Government will continue to closely monitor progress and report on the implementation of the recommendations, which will benefit both the people who work for NSW Health and the communities they serve.

The full NSW Government Response can be accessed here: [Government Response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into Healthcare Funding \(PDF\)](#)

## Minister for Health Ryan Park said

"The completion of this inquiry and the Government's response to it makes good on a core election commitment, first championed by the HSU, for a root and branch review of our health system.

"Let me be clear, today's response does not mark the end, but the beginning of a new chapter of reform that supports and empowers health workers; embraces preventative care; ensures hospitals meet the health needs of the community; and secures NSW's fair share of health funding.

"We know the Liberals are determined to brush over this health inquiry – but they cannot rewrite their history of cuts to wages; cuts to staff; and delays in delivering the hospitals and beds our community needs and deserves."

# Health enquiry response sets out reform agenda

WILL THIS RESCUE A FAILING HEALTH SYSTEM ON THE FAR SOUTH COAST

**OPINION by Dr. Arn Sprogis**

The content of the recent NSW Governments press release (see previous page) is a potential lifeline for the Far South Coast (FSC) Health System.

The decades long widening gap for access to healthcare in our region means we have much lower funding per person than the city, greater rates of deaths from cancer and significant delays in accessing healthcare. Over 40 years of reading health system press releases from governments, I always use a brief check list to test if the content meets community needs, here are the results.

## Supporting and empowering health workers

**“Health workers are at the centre of the Minns Labor Government’s health reform agenda.”**

A long overdue and welcome commitment. Local health workers are the glue which currently holds our health system together. Their efforts are what overcomes dysfunctional Commonwealth and State funding but their efforts are reaching its limits.

A range of useful activity including assessing the needs of regions is proposed by the Labor NSW Government and their track record of delivery over the past nearly 3 years gives some cause for optimism.

What is missing:

- Equity of access and funding (fairness) is a core Australian value and although there are mentions of needs assessments for services there is no clear commitment to equity, how it will be assessed, acted on and publicly reported.

- Timeframes for the steps in the reform are missing or minimal and this is always a red flag. Without timeframes there is no certainty and denies the workforce and community ability to plan for the future.

- The language in the release is managerialist and political which is not community centred language. What will be the benefits for the community, motherhood statements aren’t good enough.

- How will we know the reform is on track? What are the indicators for success?

## Preventative healthcare

**“It is clear from escalating demand on our hospitals from an increasingly aged population that preventative healthcare will become even more central to the function of our health system.”**

What is missing?

- Equity, Timelines, Community Centredness and Indicators as in the previous section are mostly missing.

- There needs to be a commitment to fast action and community communication. If there is then the NSW Government will be genuine reformers.

- Prevention needs an integrated health system with the non-hospital health sector, eg. GPs and other primary care providers. The community is let down by the Commonwealths lack of activity and funding on integration. There has been silence from the Commonwealth in our area.

## Hospitals meeting community health needs

**The Health Inquiry examined health infrastructure noting our hospitals must ‘reflect an assessment of the health needs of the population’.**

What is missing?

- Real reform needs a commitment to equity of funding and workforce otherwise the same old managerial and political needs lead to same worsening outcomes.

- The wait time section is managerial speak at its worst with no mention of reducing waiting times which is what benefits patients. I am surprised the Minister let this get past him as he is usually very community centred.

## NSW’s fair share of Commonwealth funding

**‘The Health Inquiry made two sobering observations – the challenges in accessing primary care (GPs); and the lack of Commonwealth Government aged care and NDIS placements, are both placing tremendous pressure on state hospitals.’**

What is missing?

- The Commonwealth is missing and has been missing for decades in its areas of responsibility leaving the underfunded heavy lifting to the state government.

- The key to any modern health system reform based on overseas trends is to focus attention on providing healthcare close to a person’s home as quickly as possible with hospitals reserved for urgent and major health events.

- To quote the press release “the Commonwealth is responsible for primary care, aged care and NDIS”, the shortfall of funding and lack of attention by the Commonwealth on their responsibilities has made a seamless, integrated system of care an impossibility.” The Commonwealth continues to underfund all its areas of responsibility compared to city populations with no action in sight.

- Overseas the primary care level is specially funded to enable patients be treated close to home as the priority, eg. Patients can be home on discharge from hospital in 1-2 days to be managed by the primary care team (no funding for delayed hospital discharge).

## Suggested Actions

- That NSW Health Minister Ryan Park take a leadership role on behalf of the Eurobodalla in discussions with the Commonwealth to urgently fund a seamless, integrated, fair health system in our region.

- That all initiatives have timelines and indicators provided to the communities affected and progress is reported on a regular basis

- That all future actions focus on community and individual patients’ needs as the drivers for reform with a high level of local community control.

- The need for reform was yesterday, urgent action is needed today, nothing less is acceptable.

## Funding desperately needed for NSW hospitals under strain like never before

**The NSW Nurses and Midwives’ Association (NSWNMA)**

has called for urgent investment in our hospitals and healthcare workers, in the wake of unprecedented pressure on emergency departments (ED) and wards.

The Bureau of Health Information’s (BHI) latest Healthcare Quarterly data shows a record amount of presentations for the most acutely unwell patients during July to September, while the volume of admitted patients also reached unprecedented levels.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Shaye Candish, said the BHI data demonstrated nurses and midwives worked increasingly harder with limited resources.

“Triage one, two and three presentations in the ED have increased considerably this quarter, highlighting the rise in patient acuity our members are experiencing on a daily basis. Alarming, more than 73,000 people left without, or before, completing treatment as well,” said Ms Candish.

“The complex, and often invisible skills, nurses and midwives are expected to have in their toolkit has dramatically changed. This is a key component of our argument in the union’s historic legal case which is hearing closing submissions in the Industrial Relations Commission this week.

“As part of our landmark case, we’ve put a claim for a 35% pay increase over three years. We hope the decision corrects the long-standing gender undervaluation we know has occurred and compensates for the complexities and changes experienced in nursing and midwifery over the last two decades.

“We are pleased the rollout of nurse-to-patient ratios is continuing in EDs across the state, after years of campaigning by the Association. As our EDs get busier, staffing ratios will be crucial to keep both staff and patients safe and ensure quality care can be provided.”

NSWNMA Assistant General Secretary, Michael Whaites, said more investment in our public healthcare system was desperately needed.

“The BHI data shows there are still almost 95,000 patients on the elective surgery waitlist. In order to bring these down permanently, we must see the federal government contribute more funding to the states – they can’t do it alone,” said Mr Whaites.

“We are seeing extreme bed block across hospitals because of patients awaiting places in residential aged care. We’ve provided the NSW government a solution to this, one that will reduce costs over time. It is a solution that the federal and state governments could, and should, work on together.

“This would help to reduce bed block and provide more permanent, efficient and appropriate accommodation for hundreds of elderly patients currently occupying hospital beds. Until this is addressed, our hospitals and healthcare workers will continue to operate under increasing pressures that we see through the latest BHI data.”

# More support for victim-survivors in South-eastern NSW



Assistant Minister Rebecca White and Fiona Phillips MP with participating GPs Dr Summit Goudar, Dr Kylie Short and Dr Mariana Spadini dos Santos, COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW PHN CEO Prudence Buist, Nursing provider Silverchain CEO Clare Warren, and SAHSSI CEO Penny Dordoy.

From today, women and children leaving family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) in south-eastern NSW will receive additional holistic care and support through an Albanese Government pilot program.

The Supporting Outreach Healthcare FDSV Pilot will provide accommodation services in Eurobodalla, Goulburn and the Shoalhaven with access to a team of health professionals including on-site GPs, nurses and service navigators. Service navigators coordinate between health, housing, justice and education services, giving victim-survivors access to support across the health system.

The pilot program is designed to reduce barriers to care by improving coordination across health and social services. It also comes as the government marks the United Nations' global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. We know family, domestic and sexual violence disproportionately affects women. In 2021-22, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 14 men had experienced violence from an intimate partner since the age of 15, and 13% of adults witnessed partner violence against a parent before the age of 15.

The participating crisis accommodation services are:

- Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra (SAHSSI) – Nowra
- South East Women and Children's Services (SEWACS) Budjungal – Moruya
- Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT – Goulburn

The government has provided COORDINARE – through the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (PHN) – almost \$1 million to deliver the pilot.

The initiative is part of a \$6 million investment, with five other pilot programs to be established through the Hunter New England and Central Coast PHN, Central and Eastern Sydney PHN, Gippsland PHN, Northern Queensland PHN, and Western Queensland PHN.

The Albanese Government, in conjunction with state and territory governments, is acting on all forms of gender-based violence through the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032.

Assistant Minister Rebecca White said "Too many women and children suffer at the hands of those close to them. This pilot is an all-encompassing approach to support victim-survivors, to protect them and help them recover." "In Australia, one in four women has experienced family or domestic violence and one in five has experienced sexual violence from the age of 15.

"A whole-of-system response is needed to respond to FDSV. Choice, safety and continuity of care are the centrepieces of this pilot."

Federal Member for Gilmore Fiona Phillips said "It's really fantastic that the pilot program is being rolled out in the north and south of Gilmore, to assist women and children in the Nowra and Moruya areas.

"I've heard so many harrowing stories from women who have experienced family and domestic violence, and I know they face significant challenges when they decide it's time to leave.

"It's so important that we provide the vital support that women and children need to move forward right across the health system.

"One life lost to violence against women is too many, and deaths of women at the hands of men who profess to love and care for them has to end."

The National Plan recognises the importance of all people experiencing FDSV being able to access support and services. Since 2022-23 the government has invested more than \$4 billion in initiatives to support implementation of the National Plan, with a further \$4.4 billion in funding committed to address gender-based violence and respond to the Rapid Review into Prevention Approaches.

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# Time Returns to Batemans Bay

By John Longhurst

The iconic town clock of Batemans Bay is back ticking following twelve months of refurbishment.

With its stylised dolphin features, the clock has been gracing the foreshore since 1999 and is a compulsory photo opportunity for many tourists.

Batemans Bay Rotary Club has a long association with the clock dating back to the first town clock built by the Club in 1978. It was removed by council in 1994 for the building of public facilities. Intent on ensuring Batemans Bay had a town clock, Rotarians Ron Sydenham and David Wood oversaw the rebuilding of the old clock and stylised the structure in the town centre in 1999. Up until the recent renovation, Rotary volunteers manually adjusted the clock for daylight saving.

Although the clock mechanism and faces were refurbished in 2018 and LED lighting installed, it was apparent that the structure needed some attention.

In 2024, the Rotary Club secured a NSW Government Grant to carry out the necessary work. Work commenced in November 2024 with a plan to have the existing structure removed, dismantled, sand blasted and powder coated. The clock faces and mechanisms were also to be updated.

Work was completed and by mid this year, the clock was restored to its rightful place in the town centre. With the installation of the new master timer, time has returned to Batemans Bay.

Batemans Bay Rotary Club Community Service Director, David Ashford oversaw the project.

David said "A big thank you to Eurobodalla Shire Council and Eurobodalla Cranes who assisted in the removal and replacement of the clock. Our thanks also to H&S Sheds who provided the transport to and from Queanbeyan. Simplex provided the new master clock and carried out the maintenance on the existing mechanisms. We also acknowledge the grant provided by the NSW Government that made the whole project feasible. It is fantastic to have the clock restored to its rightful place as a focal point, providing a sense of history and uniting our community."

Dr Michael Holland MP for Bega has followed the progress of the refurbishment and officiated at the opening of the clock last Thursday.

Dr Holland said "It's wonderful to see the iconic Batemans Bay town clock restored and ticking proudly once again. This clock is more than a landmark — it's a symbol of community spirit, local history and the dedication of the Batemans Bay Rotary Club over many decades.

The Rotary Gear Wheel is all about service, movement and keeping things turning, so it feels fitting that Rotary has led the charge on bringing this clock back to life.

This refurbishment preserves a piece of our town's character and restores a focal point that locals and visitors treasure."



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# Public Access Presentations to Council 9/12/12

## Mylene Boulting on Sale of Coopers Island Road

Good Morning Councillors and all present, I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to Elders past and present. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today regarding the proposed sale of Coopers Island Road.

My name is Mylene Boulting. For the past 15 years, I have had the privilege of living close by the shores of the beautiful Tuross Lake, a part of the expansive Tuross River Estuary. I was very surprised to recently learn through local media about the Council's proposal to close and sell Coopers Island Road.

### Recent history

As you know, since the Coopers Island farm changed hands in 2017, the landowner has consistently sought to purchase this public road.

I would like to take a moment to commend the hard work of the Council staff, who have for years listened to the community's concerns and supported our desire to keep this road in public hands. I distinctly remember the site inspections and meetings led by the then Infrastructure Services Director and his team. The comprehensive report produced by Carlisle Ginger played a key role in shaping the Council's previous decision.

It was a relief when, in June 2021, we learned that the Council had formally determined not to sell Coopers Island Road. The Council even organised and paid for the road realignment to meet title requirements. There were also discussions about improving the parking area near the causeway, with plans to enhance accessibility for people with mobility impairment, allowing more members of the community to enjoy the natural beauty of Bowns Creek.

### So, what has happened since 2021 that has led to a 180 degree about-turn and instead propose to sell this road?

Council's media release states: "A detailed Crown Solicitor's investigation has revealed the causeway and adjoining land are privately owned." This was astonishing to us, as it seems nobody—perhaps not even the landowner—was aware of this.

Preliminary enquiries made with Crown Lands show that their historical research indicated the causeway belonged to no one. It wasn't included in the original land grant, nor was it listed as Crown land. Yet, the Crown Solicitor now recommends transferring it to the island's landowner, with apparently little reference to other closely interested parties such as the local community whose wishes the Council is supposed to represent.

This decision, which one experienced commentator has described as "very unusual", has effectively transformed Coopers Island Road into a road to nowhere for the public.

I would appreciate it if the Council could help clarify the following questions:

- Who decided that the best way to facilitate the sale of this road was to make it effectively useless to the public?
- Who initiated the historical status searches with Crown Lands and what was the rationale behind it?
- How has the Crown Solicitor concluded that the causeway should be gifted to the landowner, especially when it clearly serves as a natural extension of a public road?
- Is the Council accepting the Crown Solicitor's advice without the further scrutiny or examination all the circumstances and the above questions would very much seem to require?

I, along with many others in the community, also seek to understand the rationale behind the urgency in moving forward with the sale. The Council became aware of the Crown Solicitor's findings in September of last year. Given this, why has it taken over a year to proceed with the closure and sale? Additionally, the timing of the community consultation period—noticeably set at the bare legal minimum of 28 days and coinciding with the start of the holiday season—does not provide adequate opportunity for meaningful public input. This timeline clearly limits the community's ability to fully engage with the proposal, to further investigate with Council and relevant agencies, and to canvas the alternative solutions. I appreciate the Council's time and consideration in reviewing these concerns. The issues raised are of great importance to many in the community, as evidenced by the reactions posted on Community Noticeboards. I look forward to your response and hope that the Council will take these matters into careful consideration rather than proceeding precipitously.

**Mylene Boulting.**  
**Turlinjah**

### Presentation by Sue Dunk on the proposed sale of Coopers Island Road

I make this submission regarding the proposed closure and sale of Coopers Island Road, and urge Council to consider alternatives that protect public access, recreational use, and Aboriginal cultural heritage. Specifically, I request that Council:

1. Explore the sale or transfer of the road to a community-managed trust or Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) rather than to a private owner.
2. Support the compulsory acquisition of a very small parcel of private land to secure an access corridor to the foreshore below the mean high tide mark, ensuring continued access for all.

### 2. Background / Context

· Historic public use: Coopers Island Road and causeway have provided access to Tuross Lake and Bowns Creek for recreational fishers and kayakers for over 100 years.

· Cultural heritage significance: The area holds Aboriginal cultural and traditional fishing significance, with evidence of thousands of years of Indigenous access. Artifacts and middens can be found in this area.

· Current land status: Council's exhibition notes that the land is partly privately owned, but historically functions as a public road and access corridor.

### 3. Risks of Sale to a Private Owner

· Restricts longstanding public and recreational access.

· Could limit Aboriginal access to traditional cultural sites, contrary to the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

· Ignores the community benefit of retaining public and cultural access.

· Councillors, are you aware, this area is used by other community groups besides fishers and kayakers including birdwatchers, photographers, artists and those with disabilities. I have personally witnessed members of the public photographing and watching waterhens at the end of the road

### 4. Proposed Solutions

a) Community Trust or LALC Ownership

· Council could transfer ownership to a trust or Aboriginal Land Council, ensuring management, maintenance, and governance remain community-led.

· Supports long-term stewardship, protects cultural heritage, and maintains public access.

b) Compulsory Acquisition of Small Private Parcel

· I request the NSW Government and Council support compulsory acquisition under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 to establish a permanent access corridor to the foreshore below mean high tide mark.

· This guarantees:

- o Over 100 years of continued access for fishers and kayakers.
- o Thousands of years of traditional Aboriginal access.
- o Protection of recreational and cultural heritage values for future generations.
- o Access to the Eastern Riverbank. A strip of land measuring approx. 40mtrs by 15mtrs has been identified as Crownland in the latest Crownland Survey.

### c) Legal / Policy Support

· Crown Lands policy allows vesting of closed roads as reserves for community or public purposes rather than private sale.

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Why is Crownlands not releasing its findings on how the Crownland Solicitors gifted the Causeway to the landowner?

ESC is now claiming it was a safety issue, and Crownlands claim it was a Land Title issue. What is the truth?

Easements or heritage agreements could formalize public and Aboriginal access rights while ensuring maintenance and cultural protection.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020, ESC voted that the road was not to be sold. ESC granted \$40,000 to pay for realignment of the road, grading, survey, fencing and installation of a carpark. I asked ESC how much was actually spent on this project. I received an answer on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and the council employee could not / did not know the total amount spent.

Councillors where is the transparency in this. There is none. You have wasted so much of RATE PAYERS money on Coopers Island Road and now only one rate payer will benefit. Are you ever going to tell the ratepayers the truth. I lodged a GIPA request Sept 2024 with ESC. Debbie Abbott asked for an extension of time which I granted. As it was coming into the Christmas break another extension was granted. As of today, 12 months later, I am still awaiting an answer. It's obvious that ESC does not take GIPA requests seriously

It is wonderful that ESC has spent \$130,000 on the upgrade of Tuross River Bridge carpark. It needs to be noted that you DID NOT upgrade the boat ramp. For ESC to suggest that kayakers can use this boat ramp to access Coopers Island / Bowns Creek is ludicrous as well as laughable. This is an 18km round trip, without even fishing and I would love to see ever Councillor undertake this task. It would be fair to say, nobody in this room would be able to manage that task. There are also safety concerns in the event of inclement weather and the distance needed to paddle. ESC, don't push this agenda onto the community as it is clearly not an option.

## 5. Recommendation

I respectfully request Council to:

1. Withdraw the current proposal to sell the road to a private owner.
2. Negotiate with Local Aboriginal Land Council or a community trust for ownership and management.
3. Support compulsory acquisition of the small private parcel to secure a permanent foreshore access corridor.
4. Implement easements, heritage agreements, or management plans to protect access, cultural sites, and public recreational use.

## 5. Conclusion

Following a call for submissions, Stan Konstantaras, President RFANSW, is presenting to the NSW Upper House Inquiry Team, today 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025, to the Select Committee on access restrictions to public lands which includes Coopers Island Road, Bodalla.

I am asking the ESC Councillors, to defer their decision on the sale of Coopers Island Road until the recommendations of the Upper House Select Committee are known and can be considered and implemented. Taking these steps ensures Council demonstrates leadership in protecting cultural heritage, recreational access, and community interests. It balances legal, cultural, and social considerations, preserves longstanding use of Coopers Island Road, and secures public and Indigenous access for generations to come.

**Sue Dunk  
Eurobodalla**

## Presentation on Creative Arts in Eurobodalla

I am presenting today wearing 2 hats: as co-convenor of A Better Eurobodalla and as the Public Officer and member of the Arts Council of Eurobodalla  
My presentation is in two parts but I'll make it clear which hat I am wearing.

## PART 1:

Firstly as A Better Eurobodalla (ABE) a community forum working to achieve open, transparent, accountable and responsive government in Eurobodalla. ABE has applied our principles of good governance to the Creative Arts Strategy development. The ESC website tells us that:

'Eurobodalla Shire Council is developing a Creative Arts Strategy to guide how we support and grow arts, culture and creativity across the region.

We're inviting community members, artists, educators, organisations, and creative businesses to share their ideas, experiences and aspirations.'

The last Creative Arts Strategy was produced in 2019 and as we know our world has changed since then. Fires, Covid and other forces have impacted on Eurobodalla in profound ways. One aspect of this is how the landscape of the arts and culture community has changed and grown.

The 2019 strategy had many good things in it and I am not here to critique the document. But it has limitations and we are seeing some of that now in the current process.

The strategy commits to 'measure our progress against each of the (identified) strategic outcomes and track our success in achieving our creative arts vision for Eurobodalla and the region' (pg5)  
The strategy has 4 strategic outcome areas with actions and measures identified for each.

The outcomes are:

Places and spaces which has 15 ACTIONS and 14 MEASURES

Connections and collaboration which has 10 ACTIONS and 10 MEASURES

Creative capacity with 11 ACTIONS and 10 MEASURES and

Participation and access with 10 ACTIONS and 10 MEASURES

There are 46 actions and 44 measures with 13 actions identifies as high priority, 15 identified as medium, 3 identified as low priority and 14 as ongoing.

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For the community and council to understand what a 2026 strategy should look like, and provide meaningful input, we need to understand what has worked since 2019. Did the last strategy achieve its desired outcomes and realise the stated vision 'for Eurobodalla to become known as the creative arts destination for South east NSW, with significant growth in creative arts infrastructure, programming and audiences' (pg5).

ABE is mindful that in common with many areas of council, small staff numbers and limited budget impact on what can be achieved. Reviewing the actions and measures in the 2019 strategy is a basic requirement to give guidance about how those precious resources can be best directed and how community can be fruitfully engaged. The 2019 Strategy states that progress will be measured against each of the strategic outcomes and success tracked. Currently the proposal is to provide a summary of these in the draft strategy next year. This is too late for any considered input from anyone outside ESC. We need a report on progress to know what to input.

Robust consultation based on good information is basic to good governance. ABE is requesting that a comprehensive review of progress against the 2019 strategy be made available to the community to allow considered input to the next strategy. If this information is not available now, and my understanding is that it is not, then the consultation period should be extended beyond the identified consultation cut of date of end December to allow this to happen. An extension into the early part of 2026 should not negatively impact the timeline to complete the strategy.

## PART 2:

I am speaking now as the Public Officer and member of the Arts Council of Eurobodalla. The Arts Council is a volunteer run organisation that has been operating out of Art Central here in Moruya for over 20 years. As well as running our fabulous community arts centre, the Arts Council has as one of its objectives to 'act as an umbrella organisation for artists and as an advocate for the arts'.

In this role we have been considering how best to help Council to meaningfully engage with and support our arts and culture community. In Eurobodalla we have a fantastic arts and culture sector. From successful professional artists to community arts organisations and individuals and groups operating in fields including theatre, dance, music, fabric art, writing, mosaics, visual arts, sculpture and design. And as mentioned earlier, this sector is growing and diversifying. In addition, we have disadvantage in our community that makes it challenging for young artists, Indigenous artists and emerging artists to connect with other artists and have opportunities to learn, perform or exhibit in Eurobodalla.

With the Creative Arts Strategy being developed it is timely to revisit how Council can best connect to this vital part of our community.

At its 17 December 2024 meeting, Council decided to defer forming the Public Art Committee. That Committee had a role focussing on public art on public land. A year later it is timely to revisit a committee structure to support a more broad-based role in relation to arts and culture.

Recently the Arts Council has been in touch with a range of arts organisations and individual artists to discuss how our community can more effectively engage with council and assist council staff.

Many councils in city and regional NSW have advisory committees focussing on arts and culture. An arts and culture advisory committee to Eurobodalla Shire Council could advise and make recommendations to Council on arts, culture and creative interests in Eurobodalla and arts and cultural opportunities within our region.

It could have membership that capitalised on the substantial skills and experience of our regional arts practitioners while covering the geographic spread of the shire, the diversity of arts practice and member-based arts and cultural organisations.

To help our thinking, we have drawn on how the ESC Visitor Economy Advisory Committee works. It is a strategic advisory body in partnership with Council, offering practical insight, coordinating engagement, and identifying opportunities that deliver positive long-term outcomes. With a skill-based membership, an arts and culture advisory committee could work in a similar way and with similar goals for the arts sector. Unlike other sectors such as disability, tourism, Aboriginal and heritage, the arts and culture sector has no clear path to Council.

The 2019 Strategy states that council will 'Champion the role creativity and the arts play in building a strong and healthy community' (pg14). Council correctly capitalises in its communications on how the arts and culture sector contributes to the wellbeing and richness of life in Eurobodalla. Having an advisory committee will help council understand and support this significant contribution by our creative community.

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## Fine Lebanese Dining in Narooma



By John Longhurst

Located at 1 Wilcocks Avenue and prominent in Narooma Plaza is a spacious wheelchair accessible restaurant and takeaway offering outdoor and indoor eating options. It is called Jradis and is causing somewhat of a buzz in eating options of Narooma.

Husband and wife team and owner operators, Ali and Linda El Masri are serving up exceptional Lebanese cuisine to any diner willing to experiment beyond regular cafe fare.

They are dedicated to providing a memorable dining experience and welcome the opportunity to share their knowledge of Lebanese cuisine with the clientele. Their enthusiasm is also reflected in the friendly staff and a buzzy atmosphere with the impeccable service is the result.

The menu is extensive and includes wraps, pizzas and a variety of fresh salads. Ali has used his 12 years as a trained butcher to serve up sumptuous meat platters. All items on the menu are ideal for sharing. There are specials on the blackboard and this reviewer can highly recommend the 'Southern Fried Chicken', delightfully cooked with a great crunch.



Meals are obviously cooked to order but the slight wait is more than worth it.

Jradis has only been open for 10 months but already is a popular local favourite and is now attracting diners from afar in the Eurobodalla Shire as the discerning tourist keen to dine beyond the local club or pub.

Reviews on Google are also very positive.

The menu also provides for children with a 'Tots Section' which makes for an enjoyable and value packed family dining experience.

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## A Beer with Bazz #219

With  
John  
Longhurst

Mick was resplendent in a cream safari suit with well pressed dress shorts and knee length Bermuda socks tucked into polished RM Williams boots. Binoculars hung loosely on his chest.

His perspiring forehead and pink cheeks sought shelter under his Indiana Jones style hat as he paced before the newly installed 'Big Gorilla' sculpture at Batehaven.

A small crowd had gathered, but Mick waited until 10.00am.

He tapped his waddy on his leg for attention.

"As you can see, our council has installed a 'Big Gorilla' sculpture here at Batehaven. The council has asked me to facilitate its introduction to our community so it ... well ... fits in ... integrates ... if you like."

Children cheered, some people clapped and a number laughed.

Mick put his text, 'Sculptures for Dummies', to one side and straightened his back.

"I think the first step in making our new friend feel wanted is to highlight the artwork."

Mick used his waddy as a pointer.

"Firstly let's appreciate its freestanding form. It fits within the realism style but I want you to take note of the detailed facial expression. In short, what is the gorilla thinking and hence, the message of the artist. Note, it is neither facing the sea nor inland to the bush ... so not belonging is obviously a theme here. There is also a delicate touch to the sculpture up close but from afar it appears monumental. The sculptor has achieved this contradiction by way of texture, scale, mass, line and of course, space ..."

Mick was interrupted by a heckle from the back.

"But what's it got to do with Batehaven? In fact, what's it got to do with the Eurobodalla? It's no 'Gorilla in the Mist'\*... it's a gorilla to be missed!"

There were a couple of boos and one hysterical child sobbed as Mick pulled out his notepad and pen.

"I am happy to take ideas to council to make the 'Big Gorilla' fit in, ... so fire away."

The heckler used his outstretched arm as a pointer.

"When I look out from here, mate, I see a big headland, a big sea, a big sky, even a big island, a big beach and then ... a big gorilla."

Mick bit his bottom lip and sucked in a deep breath.

"Now ... you have got the hang of it. Yes, all those things are big ... so we are making progress."

The heckler laughed.

"Okay ...okay ... I get the picture. How about we paint some white zinc cream across its nose, get the sewing group to make a big beach towel for around its neck and we sort some giant thongs. I reckon that will help it to ... integrate, as you put it."

Mick took notes, but the heckler was just warming up.

"Better still ... just to make sure the 'Big Gorilla' fits in ... let's get some other big stuff down here so it is not lonely, or feels out of place. I reckon Coffs Harbour would give us the 'Big Banana', given they grow more blueberries these days and it will surely bring a smile to our 'Big Gorilla'. I reckon McDonalds might sponsor a 'Big Tourist' or even a big 'Sco Mo' decked out in Hawaiian gear ... now there's a memory. We could have him sitting on the 'Big Pootato', which the good people of Robertson find an embarrassment. In fact, we could have so many big things in this space we could create an obstacle course to get to the beach ... and then dodge a camel before a swim. Now ... wouldn't that be a tourist attraction!"

Mick's pen ran out of ink.

\*Gorillas in the Mist (1988) - IMDb  
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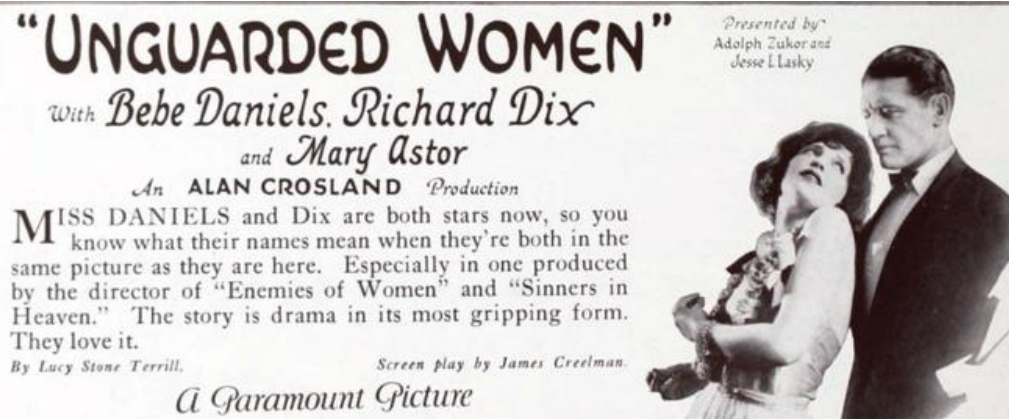
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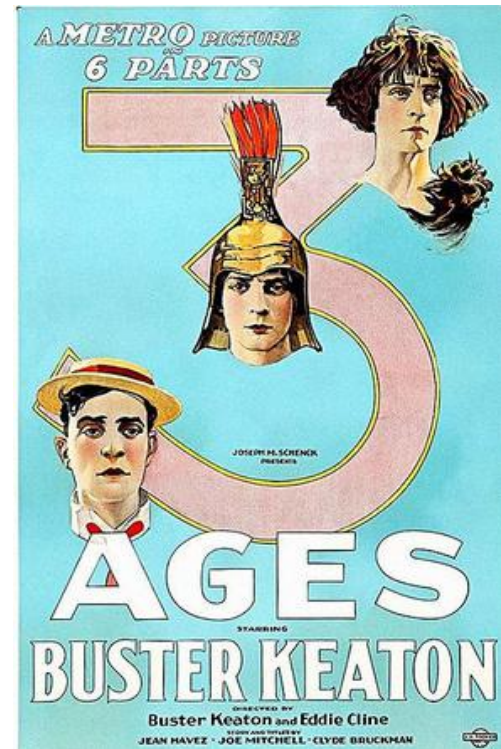
**Mr. J. Keyte had the misfortune** on Wednesday to lose his promising 4-year-old colt, Coolview, by Coolotta – Moruya Lass. The animal was turned out in a paddock to get a drink, and shortly after was found with one of its knees shattered, and it was immediately put out of its misery. The injury is supposed to have been caused by a bullet.

**Eroni Bros. and Barton's Circus** opened here on Thursday night, when over 300 people witnessed a very good performance by the troupe, the particular features being the sensational flying trapeze act, the tight rope walking, the trick ponies and mule, and the high jumping dog. The show is one which we can pass on to our Southern friends as worthy of patronage.

**A pioneer resident of the Araluen district**, Mr. W. R. Smith, died at his residence, Gundary, on Sunday last, at the ripe old age of 87 years. Deceased, who was a native of England, arrived in Australia when a boy. He resided at Araluen for a number of years, and many were the interesting stories he could recount of the balmy days of the golden valley when 37 hotels opened their doors to the thousands of men who delved for earth's precious metal. A few years ago, he came to live in Moruya where he was tenderly nursed in his declining days by his daughter Miss Smith and son Mr. A. Smith, assisted by his married daughter, Mrs. J. Coppin, jnr. His wife predeceased him two years ago. The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being interred in the Methodist portion of the Moruya cemetery.

**The Dept. of Lands** is considering the transfer of certain land, comprising Yourie, Illawambra, and Wandella, now in Eurobodalla Shire, to Mumbulla Shire and have been in consultation with the two Shires concerned. Both Councils are agreeable to the proposal.

**The triennial election of Councillors** for A and D Ridings of the Eurobodalla Shire took place last Saturday and resulted as follows: – Riding A, Alfred H. Annetts (Bateman's Bay) 69; Michael Ryan (East Lynne) 59; informal 29. Riding D, Robert J. Anderson (Moruya) 33; Carl C. Mitchell (Narooma) 25, inf. 5. Messrs Annetts and Anderson have therefore been duly elected. They join those elected unopposed: – Mr. H. J. Mallon, B Riding; Mr. T. Flood, C Riding; Mr. H. J. Bate, E. Riding; and Mr. C. Gough, F Riding.



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# Let's do coffee with ... Pei-Shan Wu

For many of us, Taiwan only figures in the news as one of the major flashpoints in a world dominated by war or pending conflict. The good news is, it is also the birthplace of the multi talented and community minded Pei-Shan Wu (PSW), who now calls Moruya home. The Moruya Mail (MM) had a coffee with Pei-Shan last week.

MM: I was hoping to have this chat much earlier Pei-Shan, but you are a hard woman to track down. I first met you at a Eurobodalla Multicultural Group meeting, spotted you in a support role in the intimate theatre at the Red Door, Moruya, spied you belting out tunes on the main stage at a charity gig and finally on the violin with the Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra. It's good to finally catch up ... let's fasten seatbelts and head to Taiwan.

PSW: (Laughs ...) Wow ... that is some introduction! Okay, I was born in 1978. My mum was the senior officer at the Department of Health and dad was the general manager at the family pharmaceutical business which my grandfather built. We grew up in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan.

I became aware of the political tensions in Taiwan at a young age. I have a very clear memory of my sister being punished for speaking Taiwanese at school and forced to wear a sign around her neck for all to see.

From that point, mum and dad would only speak to me in Mandarin, in case I accidentally spoke Taiwanese at school and got punished.

MM: That's an incredibly powerful memory. It sounds like a difficult time.

PSW: It was but when I was around 4 years old mum secured a scholarship for overseas studies in health and I stayed with my A-Ma (grandmother) who can only speak Taiwanese, so luckily for me, I was finally able to learn my mother-tongue.

Not surprisingly, I had a very close relationship with my A-Ma who passed away 20 years ago. I wrote a song about A-Ma which I shared at Open Mic at Moruya some time ago. Here are some lines;

*A-Ma, I miss you so. A-Ma, I miss you so.  
Though I haven't held you close for many,  
many years,  
You are still the compass, the guiding  
North star that led my life right here.  
You are the whispered calm that settles all  
my fears.  
A-Ma, I miss you so. A-Ma, I miss you so.*

MM: That image of your sister being punished is stark. Despite a happy childhood, the political climate must have been constantly tense. What finally made you leave Taiwan for Australia at just 18 years of age.

PSW: By 1996 the political situation was extremely volatile in Taiwan. Missile tests were conducted by China in the waters surrounding Taiwan in 1995 and 1996\*. Taiwan is about half the size of Tasmania and 160 kms from China so we are in a very vulnerable position.

My parents had the foresight to organise passports for us and I arrived in Australia by myself at 18 years of age.

After an intense 6 months of English language tuition, I enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (BA) majoring in Psychology at the University of Wollongong (UoW).

I learnt English at school so I can read well but my speaking and listening ability were very poor. To complete my studies, I would record all my lectures to listen to them again at home. I was literally studying all the time.

My parents were back and forth from Taiwan to care for my grandparents but my older sister, Ju-Yu, also came to Australia to study, so I was not totally without family.

In 1999, I graduated from UoW with Distinction and secured a position as a community worker with the Chinese Australian Services Society in Campsie and later as a Community Information and Officer with Canterbury City Council.

At age 24, I embarked on lots of overseas travel, securing paid or volunteer work whenever I could, to immerse myself in the cultures. In Colombia, I learnt to dance and that passion led me to my partner, Shane, whom I met at the Marrickville Markets in 2004. Before the kids arrived, we used to dance a lot - salsa, merengue and bachata. Dancing is so fun! We settled in Cherrybrook and by 2013 we had 3 boys and 1 girl.

MM: How did Moruya manage to kidnap you?

PSW: (Laughs ...) I've been a city girl my whole life so I have never considered moving to a country town. In 2014 something clicked in my brain and I felt like getting out of the city. Shane grew up in the country so he has always been keen to move out of the city. We came across Moruya randomly in our house search and fell in love with the place. Something in my heart told me this is home. The feeling was so strong that even though we didn't know a single person there and had no jobs secured, I knew this is where we were meant to be so we made the move in early 2015.

For awhile, I was a 'stay at home' mum and we home schooled our children. We found very passionate music teachers for our kids and I literally got infected with their enthusiasm. When each one of our children learnt an instrument, I would do the same, so I have ended up playing the piano, violin and saxophone.



Now I have a five piece jazz and bossa band called 'Blueberry Jam', playing easy-listening jazz and Latin music from around the world. Work wise, I've been a support worker in disability and aged care since my youngest started pre-school. I studied my Certificate III in Individual Support at South coast Colleges in Batemans Bay to enter the care industry. I started out at a nursing home before working for a large disability provider. I eventually left my employer and started working independently. Working independently as a sole trader gave me more flexibility so I can better cater for the needs of the people whom I'm supporting.

There are downsides to working solo - not having backup to go on leave, not having access to training and no other team mates to collaborate or brainstorm with ... so a group of us got together and started a workers' co-op to help each other. We're called the Eurobodalla Community Care Co-op. We are now a registered cooperative and charity (which took us a lot of time to get there!) Our goal is to give independent workers the support and training we need so we can deliver a high standard of care. You can check out our temporary landing page at [www.eccc.coop](http://www.eccc.coop).

MM: You've made huge life change, from the missile crisis of 1996 to building a new life and Co-op right here in Moruya. Looking back at that 18 year old who arrived in Wollongong alone - what is the one piece of wisdom you would whisper back to your younger self?

PSW: (Smiles ...) My life has been defined by big pivots - leaving home, learning a new language, switching careers, moving to Moruya, even learning instruments! So my advice to my younger self would be; lean into the change. You don't have to have the whole plan, just trust your heart enough to move your feet.

MM: A great chat Pei-Shan ... many thanks.

\*Third Taiwan Strait Crisis - Wikipedia  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third\\_Taiwan\\_Strait\\_Crisis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Taiwan_Strait_Crisis)

LET'S DO COFFEE WITH ... is a column exploring the interesting personalities of the Eurobodalla Shire. Feel free to nominate a personality by emailing John Longhurst at [john.longhurst59@gmail.com](mailto:john.longhurst59@gmail.com)

## Right road, right category: Minns Labor Government rewrites the rules for how roads are managed in NSW

The Minns Labor Government is rewriting the framework that determines road management in NSW, today announcing a modern road recategorisation system that provides councils with certainty over who will manage and maintain different roads, allowing for more targeted investment where communities need it most. Road recategorisation is the process used to decide whether a road should be managed as a State, Regional or Local road. This system determines who maintains it, who funds it and how it fits into the broader transport network.

Previously, there was no system in place for recategorisation. Under the former government, we saw a politicisation of the process and a report which sat on the former Minister's desk for four months and was never released.

Due to the former government's approach, many roads are still categorised based on how they were used decades ago, despite major changes in population, traffic volumes, freight movements and local growth.

The unfair, outdated approach created long backlogs and increased pressure on local councils, who manage around 90 per cent of the state's road network and continue to face huge challenges from climate change, worsening weather events, rising construction costs and a growing workload after repeated natural disasters.

The Minns Labor Government's new road recategorisation framework puts evidence ahead of politics, replacing an ad-hoc political approach with a clearer, fairer and more responsive model that focuses on how a road functions within the network.

The new framework includes:

- Clear statewide criteria to support consistent, needs-based decision making
- An always-open application pathway, replacing decade-long review cycles
- A new online self-assessment data tool to help councils understand early whether a proposal is likely to meet the criteria, reducing administrative burdens
- Prioritisation for roads that unlock housing, freight efficiency, resilience and major infrastructure delivery.

This is a major reform that will put the right roads in the right category, cutting red tape, reducing duplication and improving how maintenance and investment are delivered across the network. It won't fix every challenge at once, but it's a strong step forward. With the portal now live, local councils and road managers will be able to put forward proposals for recategorisation.

Reviews of the system and processes will be conducted at three months, six months and then annually to refine the model.

## Hospital logjam can only be fixed with genuine reform and significant investment

The federal AMA is calling for genuine reform and substantial investment in the next hospital funding agreement, saying the federal government must play its part and invest \$34.7 billion over the next five years.

AMA President Dr Danielle McMullen said Australia's public hospitals are in crisis and the time for band-aid solutions and patch up approaches was over. "The next National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) must fix the crisis, or to put it simply, patients will die," Dr McMullen said.

"We know the answers. Over the last five years, the AMA has released reports detailing the issues plaguing the public hospital system, issues that have led to long waits for essential surgeries; ambulance ramping; declining performance and mental health care shortfalls.

"We launched our call for a new funding agreement in 2021 and have been relentless in our Clear the Hospital Logjam campaign every day since."

Dr McMullen said the Australian Government had commissioned an independent, expert led mid-term review of the NHRA, with many real reform recommendations put forward by Rosemary Huxtable AO PSM.

"Yet here we are, five minutes to midnight, having already kicked the can down the road for 12 months, without a new funding agreement. The analysis is there. The answers are there. And we certainly know the ramped ambulances, patients waiting in pain and overworked doctors and nurses are there.

"Now is the time for the ministers to step up and deliver."

The AMA's funding call for public hospitals, released today, shows the scale of investment needed. It calls on the federal government to meet its commitment to reach 45 per cent of total funding, but by 2030 — as resolving the crisis can't wait until 2035. It also calls for the cap on funding growth to be lifted.

Conservative estimates put the cost of the investment at \$34.7 billion over 5 years, and potentially up to \$49.8 billion if public hospital costs continue to increase at a rate of 5.6 percent each year.

Based on AMA projections, states and territories will need to find \$17.6 billion, and potentially up to \$36.7 billion, if hospital costs continue to grow at 5.6 percent per year over the next 5 years. The AMA is also calling for states to invest their freed-up funds resulting from any federal government injection into addressing the logjam.

"The AMA is calling for all ministers to sign up to an agreement that has separate funding mechanisms to expand capacity, improve performance through specific initiatives and address avoidable admissions," Dr McMullen said.

"It's clear the current funding agreement doesn't fund hospitals to work with GPs and manage avoidable admissions effectively. When we know we have an ageing population, increasing chronic disease, and an incredible amount of aged care and NDIS bed-block.

"When we operate and fund the health system in silos, patients get stuck in the cracks. Until a reform agreement includes funding and action to address aged care and NDIS bed-lock and avoidable admissions, the cycles of crisis we first predicted back in 2021 will continue.

"That cannot be allowed to happen. The AMA is calling on all Australians to support the 'Clear the hospital logjam' campaign. Write to your MP, share your stories and demand change."

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## Catalina Club inspires community to support local families affected by domestic and family violence and 'Make A Wish' at Catalina this Christmas

For many families, Christmas is a time for joy, love and celebration, but it can be a time of hardship, vulnerability and anxiety for those experiencing domestic and family violence. As some families prepare for their safe and relaxing festive celebration, others, particularly women, are making calls for help to organisations such as Southern Women's Group. Almost 100 calls for support are received by Southern Women's Group every day during Christmas. This Christmas, Catalina Club is calling on the generosity of Club members to raise funds for families in need. Catalina Club's General Manager Guy Chapman says members have the unique opportunity this Christmas to 'Make A Wish' and donate their Club rewards points accumulated throughout the year:

"This Christmas, we want to give members and visitors to Catalina Club an opportunity to support families and individuals experiencing domestic violence. Sadly, domestic and family violence can happen anywhere, and families living just down the road from our own homes may be in crisis."

By making a wish, Club members and visitors are joining in the global 16 Days of Activism campaign to eliminate gender-based violence.

"Every person who donates their points will receive a wish tag to write their wishes for themselves, the future, their community, family or friends. Every wish tag will be hung on our Wish Tree on the 9th hole of the golf course for all members and visitors to see," Mr Chapman said.

Community and Marketing Assistant at Catalina Club, Megan McClelland says every point donated will be converted to cash and directly delivered to local families in crisis:

"Every Reward point donated will be provided to Southern Women's Group, an organisation that has provided essential services to those affected by domestic and family violence for more than 40 years. Their mission is to provide immediate support for vulnerable people in our local area and raise awareness through multifaceted campaigns and programs, including the United Nation's 16 Days of Activism."

Southern Women's Group Assistant Manager Samantha Monck said her team receives an influx of support requests in the Batemans Bay area during the festive season:

"We see a significant increase, on average around 30% in referrals during the Christmas period. This is a particularly difficult time for many families, as the added emotional and financial pressure often intensifies existing challenges."

"The lack of viable housing options becomes even more critical during this time, especially as our beautiful South Coast becomes a popular holiday destination. The tourism surge limits the availability of emergency and short-term accommodation, leaving many women and children facing homelessness."

"In addition to the housing crisis, many families are without access to basic essentials such as food, clothing, and hygiene products. The financial burden of the holiday season also weighs heavily on mothers in particular, many of whom reach out seeking support to provide gifts for their children, simply wanting to offer a sense of normalcy and joy during a time that should feel safe and celebratory."

"We're continuing to do everything we can to meet the needs of our community, and Catalina Club's support helps make that possible."

Mr Chapman says their Make A Wish initiative is one of the myriad ways Catalina Club is achieving its Club Mission to support local community: "Every point and dollar counts when supporting families in need."

Members and visitors can visit Catalina Club's Reception before December 31, 2025 to Make A Wish, donate and see their wish hung on the Wish Tree.



## Go Get Healthy with Sofia



December is here, and as the festive season begins to fill the air with warmth and excitement, we wanted to take a moment to reach out to you- our valued customers and friends. This year has brought some meaningful moments and changes to our shop. We celebrated Bev's well-earned retirement and welcomed Marianne as our new store manager. And while the reins may have changed hands, we hope you've felt, as we have, that the heart of the shop remains the same. Our commitment to caring for our community and helping you live healthier, happier lives continues just as strongly as ever. Your support, your smiles, and the everyday conversations that brighten our shop have meant more to us than words can say. You are the reason we keep striving to offer the best products, the warmest service, and a place where everyone feels at home.

As our way of saying a big, festive thank you, we're excited to invite you to our Christmas Gala Day, Thank You Sale on Tuesday, the 16th of December. It's an extra special day to treat yourself and enjoy some incredible savings before Christmas. We'll have delicious Christmas cakes to nibble on, taste-testing of our newest products, our always-fun lucky dip game plus you'll have the chance to win one of two amazing hampers, valued at a combined \$300! This celebration is our small way of showing how grateful we are for your continued kindness, loyalty, and the community spirit you help keep alive in our town. We truly wouldn't be here without you.

From all of us at Go Vita, we wish you a joyful Christmas season filled with good health, laughter, and time with the ones you love. Thank you for being part of our story.

For more information about our Xmas Gala Day, Thank You Sale or any other health concerns, come and see the team at Go Vita, North St, Batemans Bay, or give us a call on 02 4472 9737. Tune in to our weekly 2EC radio segment, where Marianne and I chat about health and wellness with Kimmi Saker every Wednesday after 12.30pm.



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## New national network to accelerate EV-grid integration and drive climate action

Australia is taking an important step toward decarbonising transport and energy systems with the Vehicle-Grid Network – a national collaboration designed to accelerate electric vehicle-to-grid integration.

Today, **Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen** officially launched the Vehicle-Grid Network (VGN), alongside a suite of initiatives aimed at supporting Australia's transition to a low-emissions economy.

The project is funded by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), the RACE for 2030 CRC and industry partners from across the electric vehicle (EV) and energy value chain. VGN will be led by Climate-KIC Australia and the University of Technology Sydney's (UTS) Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF).

VGN is launching at a time when EVs' role in Australia's decarbonisation is becoming better understood. Along with rising sales, knowledge of EVs' potential to be a flexible source of energy storage is gaining traction.

Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) bidirectional charging allows users to not only charge their EV, but to send power back to a home or the grid, which can save consumers money and help stabilise the energy grid. But these benefits are hard to access for most Australian people and businesses. VGN will address current technical, regulatory and market challenges to widespread V2G uptake. It will accelerate action to enable large-scale adoption of V2G by:

- establishing a nationally coordinated industry collaboration network to align industry, government and researchers on shared priorities for V2G integration
- strengthening technical and market foundations by enabling interoperability, supporting evolving domestic and international standards, and unlocking shared commercial and regulatory barriers
- building sector and consumer capability through trusted information, educational resources, events, and practical tools
- positioning Australia for international leadership in V2G to deliver a cleaner, more resilient and affordable transport and energy systems.

"The Vehicle-Grid Network builds on RACE for 2030's partnership with ARENA in producing the National Roadmap for Bidirectional EV Charging," said Oliver Hill, Program Leader – RACE for Electric Vehicles. "This network will serve as a national point of synthesis for research and knowledge, showcasing the depth of expertise and leadership actively contributing to innovative distributed energy resource management in Australia."

Climate-KIC Australia CEO and UTS ISF Industry Professor Chris Lee said, "Smooth transitions don't happen in silos, they happen when the right people and organisations come together."

"Through the Vehicle-Grid Network, we're creating the space for industry, government and researchers to share what's working, make sense of emerging technologies together, and identify opportunities to accelerate bidirectional charging at scale and make EVs a win for people, businesses, and the grid."

## Australia makes history with the social media minimum age

### eSafety

eSafety will begin monitoring and enforcing compliance with the Australian Government's social media minimum age from today, supporting parents and providing a crucial buffer for under 16s developing digital literacy and resilience. eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant said the world-leading initiative was an important new addition to Australia's online safety framework.

"Enforcing a minimum account age of 16 will create normative change and give young people a reprieve from powerful and persuasive design features built to keep them hooked, often enabling harmful content and conduct online. "We recognise no single safety measure is a silver bullet but restricting social media accounts for under 16s is part of a holistic approach that includes eSafety's education and outreach; our complaint schemes; our role ensuring industry transparency and compliance with unlawful and age-restricted material codes and standards; and our work promoting Safety by Design."

"On this historic day, I urge all Australians to visit eSafety.gov.au to access our comprehensive online safety resources, including our social media minimum age information hub for educators, parents and young people themselves."

eSafety will continue engaging with industry and educating the public, however, from today its focus will shift from preparing for the social media minimum age to enforcing it.

Age assurance can involve a range of steps for both new and current users, including reviews and appeals processes.

These processes may take several days or even weeks to complete fairly and accurately and may include applying multiple age assurance measures to accounts over time. However, eSafety will not hesitate to take enforcement action where it identifies systemic breaches of the law, including seeking penalties of up to \$49.5 million. As previously indicated, eSafety will be monitoring platforms' compliance through a variety of channels, including information gathering notices.

eSafety will provide transparency about enforcement outcomes; however, it must protect the integrity of any investigations it undertakes and therefore will not be commenting on individual investigations.

## Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide

**Delivery Week Success! Pick up an extra copy at Eurobodalla Shire Council or The Repair Cafe - Red Door, Page St Moruya - Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm**



## New program will see cancer services unite to achieve equity in cancer care

### Cancer Australia

The Australian Government today announced \$1 million to fund projects that build stronger networks between cancer services in outer metropolitan, regional, rural, and remote communities, and larger metropolitan centres.

The Australian Comprehensive Cancer Network (ACCN) Networking for Cancer Equity Grant Program will strengthen connections between cancer services and improve access to quality care for people living in outer-metropolitan, regional, rural and remote communities, including priority populations such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This initiative will bring comprehensive cancer care closer to home for Australians living outside major cities. By connecting smaller services with larger services, multidisciplinary teams can collaborate, share expertise, and deliver optimal care to people closer to home. These networks will improve coordination across the system and support sustainable models of care.

Each project will involve partnerships between smaller cancer services and larger cancer services, building capacity and sharing expertise across the system.

Successful grant recipients are expected to run their activities from April 2026 to June 2027.

The program supports the activation of the [ACCN](#) – a national virtual network launched in May 2024, connecting cancer services across Australia with over 1200 members and growing. The ACCN enables knowledge sharing, collaboration, and system-wide innovation to deliver more equitable access to high quality cancer care and improve outcomes for all Australians.

For more information about the ACCN and to apply to the Networking for Cancer Equity Grant Program, visit [Networking for Cancer Equity grant program | Cancer Australia](#)

Minister Butler said “We’re strengthening our investment to help tackle cancer care inequity and ensure every Australian has access to life-saving treatment and support, no matter where they live.”

“A total of \$1 million is expected to fund between four and ten pilot projects, each focussed on promoting sustainable, community-led improvements that test new and innovative models of cancer care and bring multidisciplinary, comprehensive cancer care closer to home.”

Professor Dorothy Keefe, CEO of Cancer Australia said “Delivered by Cancer Australia, this initiative is part of the Government’s ongoing commitment to reforming cancer care and reducing inequities under the [Australian Cancer Plan](#).”

“The Networking for Cancer Equity Grant Program will support partnerships and networks that make equitable cancer care possible. By connecting services and sharing expertise, we can improve access to comprehensive care for all Australians and help to build a fairer and more connected cancer care system.”

## Shire starts sketching new arts strategy

There were painters, photographers and pot-throwers. Dabblers, dreamers and arts administrators. Creatives of all persuasions met recently at the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre to help draft a new Creative Arts Strategy for the shire.

**Eurobodalla Council’s** coordinator of creative arts development Indi Carmichael says whether you’re a full-time artist whose worked every day since COVID or that person who once accidentally wandered into a gallery looking for coffee, she wants to know your thoughts.

“Every person wanting a dash of colour and culture in their day should share their perspective and help sketch the vision,” Ms Carmichael says.

“The strategy is more than art for art’s sake. Rather it’s understanding how creativity shapes the shire’s identity, creates connections, and fosters wellbeing. By linking and integrating art and artists with tourism, education and business we’re creating something bigger than the summed parts.”

So far, consultation for the draft has included presentations to relevant advisory committees, in-person surveys at markets, shows and forums, an internal Council staff survey, articles in the Arts Canvas newsletter, and several posts on the Bas’ Facebook and Instagram.

An online survey to collect ideas, wish-lists and grumbles can be found on Council’s engagement platform [Our Eurobodalla](#), which also shares additional information and lists contact details for providing additional suggestions. Input is accepted until Friday 19 December with the draft Creative Arts Strategy is expected to go on public exhibition in April 2026 for further public comment before being presented to councillors for adoption in the middle of next year.

Council’s director of community, arts and recreation services Kathy Arthur says the arts continue to evolve rapidly in Eurobodalla.

“Our last Creative Arts Strategy was written in 2019. Despite the fires, despite COVID, the strategy helped drive a remarkable list of artistic endeavour that has seen Eurobodalla become a thriving creative destination,” Ms Arthur says.

“We’re talking things like completion of the Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, performing and creative arts facilities at Bay Pavilions, a Public Art Policy and Public Art Code of Practice, development of a Public Art Strategy, growth of the \$50,000 Basil Sellers Art Prize, a budgeted commitment to public art, and a new creative arts volunteer program.”

Ms Arthur says a changing arts landscape needs a dynamic Creative Arts Strategy to provide impetus for fresh possibilities.

“The explosion in public sculpture is a good example,” she says. “In 2019, we had 13 public sculptures in Eurobodalla – soon there will be 55. We’re not saying that’s only due to the strategy – it’s just one, though an important one, of many drivers of artistic change supporting creative work by many individuals and groups.”

The 55 public sculptures include 22 works by international artists Gillie and Marc, donated through the Australian Government’s Cultural Gifts Program. The sculptures are currently being installed at locations across the shire. These are already living up to their promise as community talking points and hotspots for Instagrammers looking to share their Eurobodalla experience. The rollout is expected to be finished by June 2026.



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# Soul Tribe Studio Birthday Party Charity Success



By John Longhurst

Soul Tribe Studio in Batemans Bay\* celebrated its seventh birthday with a fundraiser for the Open Harts Charity last Saturday evening.

90 community members attended the birthday party and well over \$400 was raised for the Charity.

Soul Tribe Studio has become a vibrant pillar of the Batemans Bay community. It is known not only as a place for yoga but as a hub for wellbeing, creativity, education and connection. Over the past seven years it has grown into a supportive and heart centred space where people can gather, learn, move and support one another.

The evening was the very first 'Music and Words for Relaxation and Wellbeing' event, a night of free live original dance floor friendly music. This unique program, designed and delivered by local charity Open Harts and supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, brought together local band DMD which features Dave Tweedie on guitar, Aiden Haworth on drums and Doug Skipper on didgeridoo for an uplifting celebration of community connection and wellbeing. DMD created a sonic alchemy for the evening through the fusion of didgeridoo, guitar and drums. Their improvised sound blended meditative soundscapes, melodic grooves and high energy tribal rhythms, weaving ancient tones with contemporary textures.

For community members, Kate Chambers, it was a refreshing alternative for entertainment.

Kate said "I had the best time at Soul Tribes 7th Birthday Party. It was such a wholesome way to connect with people and have fun in a supportive, healthy environment. It is so nice to go out and dance without going to a club."

The event was held in the Soul Tribe courtyard and all proceeds were donated to Open Harts Charity. The alcohol free atmosphere created a warm and inclusive space where people of all ages could gather, dance, rest and reconnect. Free chai was flowing all night, brewed in house and paired with healthy homemade snacks prepared by Soul Tribe volunteers.

The event attracted long time members, first time visitors and locals who had never been to the studio before. Volunteers supported every part of the evening from setting up to serving chai to packing down, showing the strength of the Soul Tribe community.

\*Soul Tribe Studio <https://www.soultribestudio.com.au/>

Note: See Clare Lovelace's new weekly **Pose of the Week** column on page 31



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[hello@moruyamail.com.au](mailto:hello@moruyamail.com.au)

Back at the Red Door Hall are Pepper & Davies - this time throwing open "The Cupboard" (the title of their upcoming debut album) on an intimate array of original music and storytelling through song. Pepper & Davies' unique folk-chamber-rock sound is a rousing fusion of a Classical-pop chameleon's grace with an infamous Bluesman's groove- with sweeping vocals, unexpected chamber textures, and guitars one minute delicate and gyrating the next, you'd be forgiven for thinking "Joni Mitchell meets Jethro Tull"! Created in the heart of Tilba, their music lilts and grooves through tales of gritty love and finding belonging within the modern landscape, taking audiences on a journey that is at once stirring and comforting. Join Pepper & Davies this Sat 13 December at 7pm for a memorable trip inside The Cupboard! Tickets \$20 online via Humanitix, or at the door.

<https://events.humanitix.com/pepper-and-davies-the-cupboard-sessions>



at the Red Door Hall  
**PEPPER & DAVIES**  
Sat 13 Dec 7pm  
St Johns Anglican Church  
15B Page St Moruya  
Tickets \$20

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## Bodalla Community Carols

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Bodalla Fire shed  
Sausage sizzle in aid of the fires from 6:30  
Narooma Community Chior




Bodalla Nursery  
**Christmas ART & CRAFT MARKETS**  
Grand opening  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm-8pm



Rotary Batemans Bay  
**Christmas NIGHT MARKET**  
DECEMBER 19 FRIDAY 6PM-9PM  
BATEMANS BAY FORESHORE  
**FOOD, LIVE MUSIC & LOCAL PRODUCTS**  
Come and join the fun at the Christmas Night Market! Enjoy delicious food, local products, and live music under the stars. A perfect festive night out for the whole family!



Eurobodalla Chamber Orchestra and Sing Australia Choir present  
**Carols on the Coast**  
Broulee Surf Club  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6PM  
ALL WELCOME  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE BAR OPEN 5PM



Escape Place Cafe  
Batemans Bay Community Picnic & The Local Gatho  
Share a Xmas meal with us!  
**FREE**  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**  
Thursday, 25 Dec 2025 8 am -11am  
Escape Place Cafe  
(Enter through Clyde Street entrance located next to Skin Deep Beauty)  
For more info TXT MSG: Sofia 0448 455 153 | Alex 0408 892 097



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**Christmas Day Lunch**  
DECEMBER 25 AT 12 P.M. OUTDOOR AREA STARFISH DELI  
NO ONE SHOULD BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY  
PLEASE COME TO CELEBRATE AND MEET NEW PEOPLE NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING  
RSVP IS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSE BY SENDING AN SMS MESSAGE TO CEL 0401 660890, GRAZYNA 0422 735 998  
THIS PROJECT IS SUPPORT BY: EUROBODALLA MULTICULTURAL GROUP CARING CORNER BATEMANS BAY DINNER GROUP STAR FISH DELI, BATEMANS BAYS



Boomerang Meeting Place Inc



## COMMUNITY CAROLS

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025

BBQ 5-7pm Carols 7-8pm

Celebrate the Christmas story, sing carols, meet Santa and enjoy our BBQ  
Bring chairs, rugs, torch.

Weather permitting we will be outside.

2 CHURCH STREET, MOGO

BBO FUNDRAISER for our MISSION WORK





**BOOMERANG MEETING PLACE**

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$1000 Eftpos Gift Card  
 2nd Prize: \$500 Eftpos Gift Card  
 3rd Prize: \$150 Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Voucher  
 4th Prize: \$100 Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Voucher

Tickets: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 or \$30 for Book  
 Ticket Sales: Tuesday 9-1pm at our Jumble Sale  
 Card & Cash Accepted  
 Other locations to be advised

Drawn: 18th December 2025 at 7:00pm  
 Drawn at Boomerang Meeting Place,  
 2 Church Street Mogo NSW 2536

Funds will underpin our operations,  
 programs and community bus,  
 generously sponsored by

**Batemans Bay SOLDIERS CLUB**

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SATURDAY  
13 DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS



DALMENY COMMUNITY HALL  
COMMENCING 6PM  
on the grassed area.

Bring the family. Bring a blanket. Bring a picnic.  
 Bring your best singing voice to join the  
 Narooma Community Choir in singing your favourite  
 Christmas carols for a fun evening. No food or drinks  
 being sold just a chance to sing along.

We may even get a visit from Santa.



# 2026

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

31 DECEMBER  
 SOUTH COAST DJ'S 8PM - MIDNIGHT  
 AND FIREWORKS AT 9PM

DECO FIREWORKS SPONSORED BY DECO

COMMUNITY BUS IS AVAILABLE - CALL 4473 8186

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - TO BOOK CALL (02) 4473 8186

Montague Choristers  
Nine Lessons and Carols



7 pm, Friday December 19  
 All Saints' Anglican Church, Bodalla



## Christmas Community Lunch

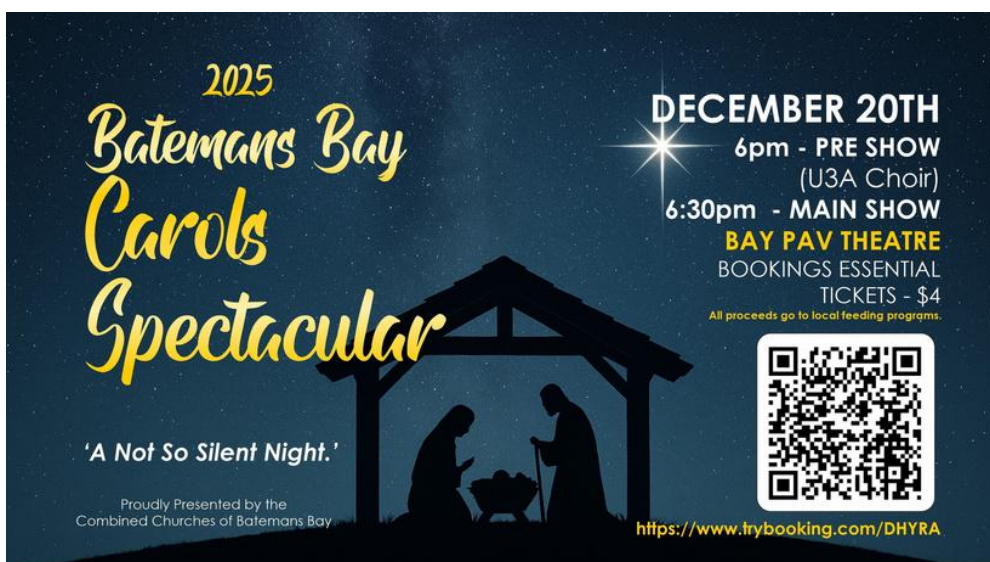
### St John's Moruya 2025

Red Door Hall

**Saturday**  
 20 December  
 11.30 for 12 noon

**Entertainment**  
 Jeff Aschman &  
 Julie Kid  
 Song, Books  
 Dinner Music  
 Christmas sing-along,  
 Guitar, Vocals  
 Harmonica, Banjo

**Booking Essential**  
 Please call  
 Ilonka - 0428213787 or Sharon - 0467586912




2025

## Batemans Bay Carols Spectacular

'A Not So Silent Night.'

Proudly Presented by the  
 Combined Churches of Batemans Bay

DECEMBER 20TH  
 6pm - PRE SHOW  
 (U3A Choir)  
 6:30pm - MAIN SHOW  
 BAY PAV THEATRE  
 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
 TICKETS - \$4  
 All proceeds go to local feeding programs.



<https://www.trybooking.com/DHYRA>



## CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

**QUANTUM BREWERY**

18 Dec to 11 Jan

**OPEN 7 DAYS**  
 Thu-Sat 12 to 9pm  
 Sun-Wed 12 to 8pm  
 Live music every Sat 4.30-7.30pm

**Closed 25&26 Dec & 1 Jan**

## Lucy Culliton's Close to Home exhibition to open at SECCA

**Bega Valley Shire Council** is delighted to announce the opening of Close to Home, a major solo exhibition by celebrated Australian painter Lucy Culliton, at SECCA (South East Centre for Contemporary Art) on Friday 12 December. SECCA Gallery Director Janice Falsone said Lucy Culliton is one of Australia's most beloved contemporary painters, who lives and creates in Bibbenluke, just an hour's drive south-west of Bega. "We're thrilled to present this large-scale exhibition at SECCA, Lucy's closest public gallery," Ms Falsone said.

"Close to Home offers a rare opportunity to experience Culliton's vibrant and deeply personal works in the region she calls home. "Her work captures the essence of life on the Monaro Plains—from sweeping landscapes and rustic sheds to the intimate details of her garden, animals and everyday objects.

"It's a joyful, generous body of work that speaks to both place and personality." Since relocating to Eden-Monaro in 2008, Lucy has developed a distinctive visual language rooted in her surroundings.

"Close to Home features many previously unseen works and is guest curated by Dr Sarah Engledow," Ms Falsone said.

"Lucy's paintings are known for their colour, character and emotional warmth and she is a favourite with collectors, curators and broad audiences

"Often a regular finalist in major art prizes, Lucy was the winner of our 2024 Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award."

The public is invited to attend the free exhibition launch on Friday 12 December from 5:30pm, which also doubles as the launch of SECCA's Summer program.

The official opening will feature guest speaker, artist Ben Quilty, Councillor Helen O'Neil and Gallery Director Janice Falsone. Bookings are essential via <https://secca.com.au/>.

SECCA is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm (closed Sundays and public holidays).

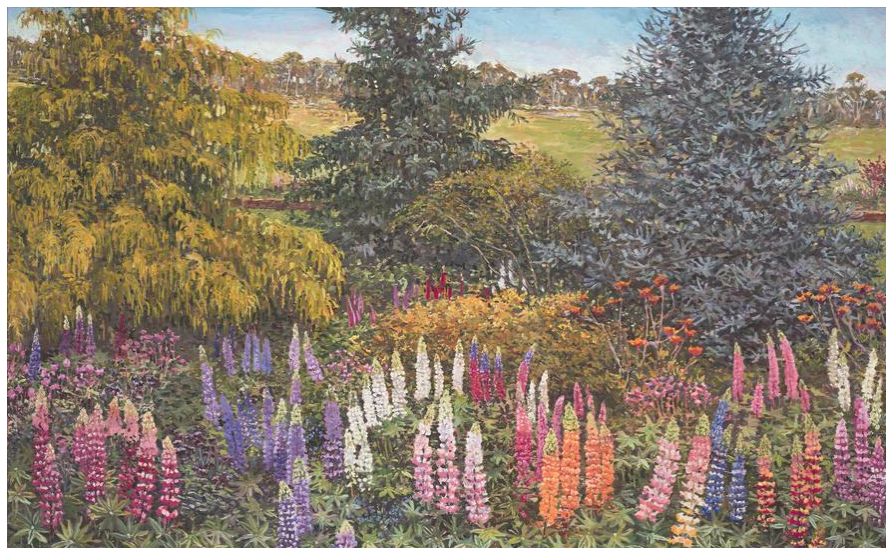


Image: Lucy Culliton, Bibbenluke Spring, 2025, oil on canvas. 1220 x 1985 mm. Photo by Brenton McGeachie.



## At the Bay Pavilions

Here's what's coming up:  
**DECEMBER**

The Australian Bee Gees Show  
Sunday 21 Dec – 3:00PM

**JANUARY**

Daniel Champagne

Saturday 3 Jan – 7:30PM

John Waters – Radio Luxembourg

Sunday 11 Jan – 6:00PM

The Bubble Spectacular starring Dr Hubble

Saturday 17 Jan – 11:00AM

Mada's Magic Marvels

Sunday 18 Jan – 10:00AM & 12:30PM

Comedy Tribute of Music Legends & More

Saturday 14 Feb – 7:30PM

Pink Floyd – Great Gig in the Sky

Saturday 21 Feb – 8:00PM

Tickets available now at

[baypavilions.com.au](http://baypavilions.com.au)

### TILBA HALLS APPEAL

THE TILBA HALLS NEED YOUR HELP

SHASA secured 2 grants to upgrade the 2 halls. Due to unforeseen extra work we have a shortfall of \$65,000 to complete this vital project.

You can make tax deductible donations to the SHASA Public Fund and SHASA will transfer these funds to the Tilba Halls Committee.

SHASA Public Fund  
BSB: 641 800  
Account: 200924351  
description: tilba halls donation

SHARE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT with a donation to the Tilba Halls appeal

A better future for Far South Coast

SHASA Bega SHASA.com.au

## (Her)mony

A Pop-Up Women's Choir for International Women's Day 2026

Your voice. Your power. Your community.

Join us for an exciting 6-week choir experience that brings women together to sing, to connect, and to celebrate strength and solidarity.

**27 January - 8 March 2026**

Rehearsals: Weekly on Fridays @ 5:30pm  
Location: Dance Space Bay Pavilions Arts & Aquatic  
Who can join: All women. No singing experience required  
Why join: Community, confidence, fun and raise funds for local Women's services

Presented by euRocApella

Tickets on sale now @ [www.humanitix.com.au](http://www.humanitix.com.au)

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## KAVA

EXPERIENCE

LEARN ABOUT & DRINK KAVA

RIVERSIDE PARK MORUYA  
SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
3PM  
(45 MINUTE GROUP EXPERIENCE)

KAVA IS A PSYCHOACTIVE PLANT WHICH HAS LONG HELD CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ACROSS THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. BEING USED SOCIALLY FOR ITS RELAXING AND MOOD ENHANCING EFFECTS.

JOIN ANDY FROM THE NOURISHED SOVEREIGN TONIC BAR FOR A KAVA EXPERIENCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS FASCINATING PLANT AND TRY IT FOR YOURSELF IN A GROUP SETTING.

\$35 p/person (18+ Event)  
BOOK ONLINE

**LONG BEACH**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
**BIGGEST RAFFLE**  
11am Sun 14 Dec 25 – Recreation Ground  
LBCA Tent

**TICKET**

TICKETS AVAILABLE  
ONLINE UNTIL MIDNIGHT  
FRI 12 DEC and then  
available 9am-10:30 at the  
LBCA tent at the markets


**\$5000** in prizes

OVER 20 PRIZES

Terms and conditions and full details of prizes:  
<https://www.longbeach.org.au/raffle>



**Fish Bowl Project Space**  
**Monarch Hotel**



**tessa muskett**  
the making of a mixed  
media collage

1 Nov - 17 Dec 2025

**Nelligen Markets**  
Saturday 13 December 2025  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The market that has something for everyone and the  
last opportunity before Christmas!

Stalls include handcrafts, pottery, collectibles,  
books, woodwork, locally made jams, relishes,  
sauces, cakes, biscuits and slices, locally grown  
produce, plants, flowers, lemon myrtle products  
and much more.....


Put some Spring in your day, come and enjoy the  
Nelligen foreshore and The River café. Be  
charmed by the history and amazing photos of  
our Pioneers in the Mechanics Institute Hall!

We look forward to seeing you!

Next Market will be held on Saturday 10  
January 2026.




**THE GALLERY**  
*Featured Artist*  
December 7 – February 1



**Carleta  
Delac**

*'Balance and Reflection'*

52 Sydney St, Mogo  [www.cabbi.com.au](http://www.cabbi.com.au)

*Boomerang Meeting Place*  
**TABLE TOP  
SALE**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**9AM – 1PM**  
**ACCESSIBLE PARKING**  
**2 CHURCH ST, MOGO**


**HUGE BARGAINS** **\$1000 RAFFLE**


**BRAND NEW ITEMS**

*Cash & Card Accepted*



**THE GALLERY**  
*Featured  
Craft Artisan*  
Dec 7 – Feb 1  
**NOELENE GIBBS**



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**JULIA HORVATH**  
**animalequals**

**ART EXHIBITION**  
OPENING NIGHT **Friday 12 Dec. FROM 4pm**  
**DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>**

**BODALLA ARTS FACTORY**  
22 Princes Hwy Bodalla NSW

 **cabbi**  
CREATIVE ARTS BATEMANS BAY INC

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Arts and  
Crafts Exhibition**  
22 December 2025 - 4 January 2026

10am to 4pm daily  
except Xmas Day

Batemans Bay  
High School Auditorium  
2 George Bass Drive,  
Batehaven

Wallpaper Room by Jane Whitting  
Best in show January 2025

Opening Gala Night  
21 December 5pm

**Live Music!!**

**Affordable Art and Craft**



**EXHIBITION**  
**CONGO CRAFTS GALLERY**

**POTTERY and PAINTINGS**



**OPEN 11am - 5pm**  
**Sunday Dec 7th to Dec 21st**  
(closed Tuesdays)

**SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**  
Sea Stars Drama

## SHADOW PUPPETRY

drama games, craft and creative fun

**Narooma Public School Hall**  
**5 Jan or 14 Jan 2026**  
**9:30 am - 3 pm**  
**\$65/day + sibling discounts**  
**5- 12 year olds**  
**Limited places book online**  
**www.seastarsdrama.com**



# Art on the Path

**8am - 12.30pm**  
**Sunday 14 December**  
**Coronation Drive, Broulee**  
*(along the shared pathway)*

Discover a treasure trove of local art, crafts and wares, sustainable fashion, recycled creations, homemade treats – plus great coffee and food!

*Sustainable Craft | Local Makers* 

## Quantum Brewery

**Saturday Chill 4.30-7.30pm**



20 Dec	Val Moogz
27 Dec	Greg Byng
3 Jan	Dave Newman
10 Jan	John Stokes

**OPEN: Fri/Sat 12 - 9pm & Thu/Sun 12 - 6pm**  
[www.artisanfactory.com/Live music](http://www.artisanfactory.com/Live music)

  
**MORUYA LIONS CLUB Inc.**  
(District 201 N2)

**Wooden Christmas Tree**  
made from recycled pallets  
**\$50 each**  
All proceeds go to local charity



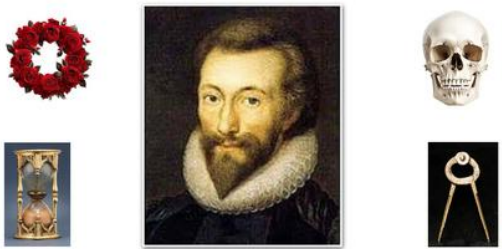
Taking Orders

## The World, the Flesh, the Devil

**John Donne**  
(1572-1631)

*"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."*

**A summer course on Donne's poetry and prose**  
At Batemans Bay Library for five Saturdays from 10th Jan - 10am - 11am  
(\$20 per session - student discount on request)  
(Led by Dr Mark Allinson, ex Monash University)  
(Email: [allinson.mark@gmail.com](mailto:allinson.mark@gmail.com))



## 2EARFM / Moruya Mail GIG GUIDE "Live & Local"

**Friday, 12 Dec:**  
Jacob Poyner Riff  
Steampacket 5pm  
Soldiers Club (7.30pm)

**Saturday, 13 Dec:**  
Rick Bamford - Riff  
Coastal Fringe - From First Light  
Amber Kelly  
Jakob Poyner  
Dean Haitini  
Phil Coleman  
Val Moogz  
Ian Treloar  
Tura Beach Club (6.30pm)  
Soldiers Club (7.30pm)  
Merimbula RSL Club (8pm)  
Tilba Valley Winery 11am  
Steampacket Hotel 5pm  
Breakwall brewing Co  
Foxdog Distillery 12.30  
Quantum Brewery  
Broulee Brewhouse  
Narooma Hotel

**Sunday, 14 Dec:**  
Salt Riff  
Joe Conroy  
Dean Haitani  
Robz Simpson  
Val Moogz  
Chango Tree Riff  
Longstocking Brewery (1pm)  
Club Tuross (3.30pm)  
Tilba Valley Winery 11am  
Steampacket Hotel 1pm  
Broulee Brewhouse  
Bermagui Beach hotel  
The Drom Tilba Club Tuross

**For weekly listings email**  
[tj@tonyjaggers.com](mailto:tj@tonyjaggers.com) by 5pm Tuesday

 **2EARFM**  
Eurobodalla Access Radio 107.5 & 102.9 



**VERONICA O'LEARY**  
*'beyond appearances'*



thurs 4 dec 2025 to sun 4 jan 2026  
please join us for opening drinks with Veronica  
saturday 6 december 3pm

**gallerybodalla**  
open thurs to sun 11am - 4pm & by appointment | visit the  
exhibition online at [www.gallerybodalla.com.au](http://www.gallerybodalla.com.au)  
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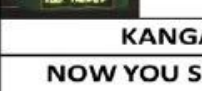



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Batemans Bay – 2536 –  
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## NOW SHOWING

DECEMBER	THU 11	FRI 12	SAT 13	SUN 14	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17
 <b>AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH</b> M 197 MIN					CLOSED		6:15 PM
 <b>AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH 3D</b> M 197 MIN							6:30 PM
 <b>ELLA MCCAY</b> M 115 MIN	2:05 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	2:05 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	2:05 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	1:50 PM 4:05 PM		2:05 PM 4:20 PM 7:00 PM	11:55 AM 2:10 PM 8:05 PM
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<b>KANGAROO</b> PG 107 MIN	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM			1:00 PM	
<b>NOW YOU SEE ME: NOW YOU DON'T</b> M 113 MIN	4:50 PM	4:50 PM	4:50 PM	1:00 PM		4:50 PM	3:50 PM
 <b>PETS ON A TRAIN</b> PG 87 MIN	11:15 AM 3:05 PM	11:15 AM 3:05 PM	11:15 AM 3:05 PM	11:15 AM 3:10 PM		11:15 AM 3:05 PM	12:20 PM 2:05 PM
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### ZOOTOPIA 2

PG | 1hr 48min  
~ Family ~ Comedy ~  
Judy Hopps and her friend,  
Nick Wilde, team up again  
to crack a new case.



### ELLA McCAY

M | 1hr 55min  
~ Comedy ~ Drama ~  
An idealistic young woman  
juggles her family and work life  
in a comedy about the people you  
love and how to survive them.



### WICKED: FOR

PG | 2hrs 17min  
~ Family ~ Adventure ~  
Arianna Grande  
The most successful Broadway  
film adaptation of all time, now  
reaches its epic, electrifying end.



### PETS ON A TRAIN

PG | 1hr 27min  
~ Family ~ Animation ~  
A train unexpectedly starts  
up, taking only pets with it,  
the pets discover a badger is  
behind it all.



**STARTING 17TH  
DECEMBER**  
**6:15pm 2D &  
6:30pm in 3D**  
**AVATAR: FIRE  
AND ASH**

### FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S 2



M | 1hr 44min ~ Horror ~  
Mystery ~ Thriller ~  
Blumhouse's box-office  
horror phenomenon Five  
Nights at Freddy's, the  
highest-grossing horror film  
of 2023, begins a new  
chapter of terror.



**MORUYA MAIL**  
"Free local news for Moruya &  
the Eurobodalla"

**STARTING  
BOXING DAY  
DECEMBER  
26TH  
ANACONDA  
& THE  
SPONGE BOB  
MOVIE:  
SEARCH FOR  
SQUARE  
PANTS**

**ALSO SCREENING**  
NOW YOU SEE  
ME NOW YOU  
DON'T  
& KANGAROO



# Animal Welfare League News



Introducing Ava! Ava is a gorgeous two year old medium to large dog, possibly a Black Mouth Cur, a breed known for their intelligence, energy and loyalty. She is a super friendly girl with plenty of personality

. Ava came into care with Animal Welfare League as a stray, but her very good manners show she has had training at some point. She is well-behaved, calm and friendly with other dogs. Ava is currently living comfortably with a male greyhound. This lovely girl would suit an active family with older children (due to her size) and possibly another dog.

AND Sweet Bee is still available! This eleven month old white and tabby girl has personality plus: she's confident, charismatic and cuddlesome, and wins the hearts of everyone she meets. Bee adores he company of people and is best suited to a home where she is the only feline, so she can soak up all the love and attention going. She's a true little charmer, radiating love and greeting every human with a hopeful heart and gentle purr. She is ready to make someone the perfect furry friend.

Like all AWL pets, Bee and Ava come desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. Call Animal Welfare League Eurobodalla on 0410 016 612 to arrange a meeting, or complete the form on the AWL NSW website. AWL's Rehoming Organisation number is R251000222.

And don't forget - **this coming Saturday, 13 December**, you can have your pet photographed with Santa at the Moruya Markets, so come along and say hello to the friendly Animal Welfare League volunteers and create a lovely memory at the same time.

Finally, it was great to see so many people at our Animal Care Services event in Moruya on 5 December. We hope to be holding another one in Eurobodalla Shire before too long.

**AWL NSW**  
Eurobodalla

**Pet Photos with Santa**

**SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER,**  
MORUYA MARKETS

BRING YOUR PETS FOR A PHOTO WITH SANTA!!

GOLD COIN DONATION - WE USE YOUR PHONE SO YOU KEEP THE PHOTOS



EUROBODALLA BRANCH  
**ANIMAL**  
WELFARE LEAGUE NSW

**Phone: 0410 016 612**

**PLEASE,**  
**We need foster**  
**CARERS for dogs**  
**and cats.**



**SAGE Farmers Market**  
**Tuesday 3pm Moruya**

[sagefarmersmarket.org.au](http://sagefarmersmarket.org.au)

growing the community

## 2025 Diary Dates

- 7-21 Dec. **Congo Crafts 40th Exhibition.**
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – **Art on the Path Broulee**
- 14 December – **Long Beach Christmas Markets**
- Sat 20th December – **Carols by Candlelight. Riverside Park, Moruya**
- Sunday 21st Dec – **Narooma Cup 2025**
- 22 Dec-4 Jan **41st Annual Art and Craft Exhibition**
- 28 December – **Narooma Rotary Summer Markets**
- 25 Jan – **Narooma Rotary Summer Markets**
- 26 Jan – **Narooma's Great Australia Day Duck Race**
- 27 Feb – 1 Mar 2026 **Cobargo Folk Festival**
- 8 March 2026 **Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim**
- 7 – 15 March 2026 – **Sculpture Bermagui**
- 13 March 2027 **NSW State Election**
- May – June – **2026 Sculpture for Clyde**
- 21st-25th October 2026 – **Sea Otter Australia**

## SAGE SUMMER SOLSTICE

Sunday, 21 December 2025 [Tickets on sale now](#)

## Moruya Community Workshed

New members are always welcome. We are located in the grounds of the Moruya High School operating two days per week. For inquiries please contact Wayne on 0488 743 788.

## Santa will be visiting Moruya CWA Hall

Sat 13th December, grab your children and your camera and come join in the fun of kids activities and our Christmas Craft Stall. Open 9.30 till 1.30

## Tuross Community Markets

held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

## Soul Tribe Studio 7th birthday

Saturday 6 December in Soul Tribe Courtyard 6pm – 10pm, all proceeds to Open Harts Charity.

## Narooma VIEW Club welcomes new members

Narooma VIEW Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Narooma Golf Club Seahorse Room at 11.30 for lunch & a guest speaker. (Except October will be Friday 18th).

**Moruya RSL Sub Branch** reminds all members, any visiting veterans & ADF personnel, the final meeting for this year takes place on Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the RSL Memorial Hall 11 Page St Moruya at 2pm.

## Grant opportunity youth supporting not for profit organisations

Connect IRL Grants provides funding for eligible non-for-profits to support young people, through offline connection, mentoring, safe spaces, and prosocial activities. Eligible organisations can apply for funding amounts between \$10,000 and \$250,000.

Close: 20th January

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**17 December 5pm** Board Room, Moruya Golf Club

Join us for our 2025 AGM as we celebrate the year, plan for 2026, welcome new Office Bearers, and unveil our fresh portfolio structure to help spread the load and boost how we support our artists and community.

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## Tackle World Moruya Fishing report 5.12.25

### Moruya River.

With see surface temp charts starting to have a lot more red on them, the water temps continue climb. The temps off the coast here are sitting around 19-20 degrees, and the fishing activity is showing the improvement we expect with the warmer waters.

Flathead and bream have been readily encountered this week, from the lower reaches to all the way up to Yarragee. That's a lot of potential ground to cover and options to explore.

The airport flats, Garlandtown flats, hole in the wall, and the flats under the town bridge have all had bream, flathead, whiting and trevally. While all of the local wharves have had bream, Luderick, trevally, flathead and the odd salmon.

### Tuross River.

Coila lake will have good numbers of bream and flathead to find throughout the lake, with the weed bed edges being the place to start looking. Bream and flathead love to ambush prey items that live in the weed beds, so concentrate around these areas with lures or baits for your best chance at finding a fish or two.

The main Tuross system itself has been fishing exceptionally well, with bream, flathead, whiting, Luderick and mulloway all being reported this week. One of my customers managed to up grade his PB to 92cm on a healthy Tuross River mulloway only last night. Pic will be below.

Congrats Geordan!

Whiting on the flats are a regular catch at the moment on nippers or squirt worms, while the surface action can only be a week or two away, with the warm currents pushing quickly down the coast. Given the warm days we have had, a quick prospect with a surface lure wouldn't be wasted time this weekend.

### Rock and Beach.

Salmon, bream and whiting have all been captures this week along the coast, once you can get a break from the wind that is. Mullimburra point has reports of both squid and kings this week, so it could be worth a look.

Any beach that has a good gutter has the potential to hold good numbers of fish, along with the Moruya breakwall. If you haven't had any luck within 30-45 mins, pack up and head to another location until you find an active area.

### Offshore.

Flathead and snapper, along with gummies should be around in numbers this weekend. The snapper will be out wider, as they move to deeper waters. The flathead will be in close in waters around the 10-15m mark. I haven't had any confirmed reports of marlin or Mahi Mahi off the coast yet, but water temps indicate they can't be too far away.

The shop is looking full, and the last of the Xmas stock is trickling in. We have heaps of great Xmas present and stocking stuffer ideas I store this year, more than I can remember stocking.

Don't forget the good old Gift Card as a gift for the angler who has everything, and you don't know what to get. Every gift card purchased until the 21st of Dec will go the draw to win one \$2500 voucher from Tackle World Australia. Well worth the effort.

We also have a Shimano Ice Box comp running until the 22nd Dec, every \$50 spent will get you a ticket and put you in the draw for a 32 lt ice box.

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## Yoga Pose of the Week with Clare Lovelace

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### My Pose of the Week is Child's Pose (Balasana).

This gentle, grounding shape is perfect for the busy holiday season. It's simple, restorative, and accessible for most bodies.

If your knees are tight or sore, place a folded blanket underneath them or between your calves and thighs for extra support.

### How to practise Child's Pose

Begin on your hands and knees.

Bring your big toes together and take your knees a little wider than your hips.

Slowly sink your hips back towards your heels, only as far as feels comfortable.

Walk your hands forward and rest your forehead on the floor, a pillow, or a bolster.

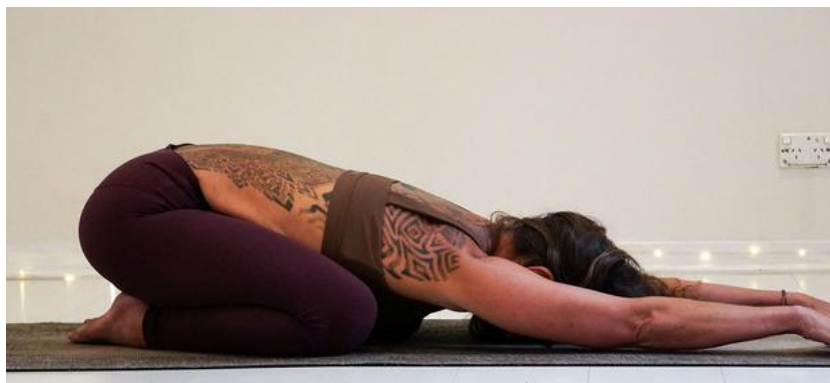
Let your belly soften and allow your breath to deepen. Stay for anywhere from thirty seconds to a few minutes.

Let this be a posture of ease. If anything feels pinchy or compressed, adjust the width of your knees or add more support under your torso.

### Benefits of Child's Pose

- Calms and regulates the nervous system
- Activates the parasympathetic rest and digest response
- Releases tension from the lower back and spine
- Gently opens and softens the hips
- Hydrates and nourishes the joints
- Lengthens the muscles along the back body
- Supports deeper, slower breathing
- Helps reduce feelings of stress, overwhelm, or anxiety
- Offers a simple way to pause and reset throughout the day

If you see me around town or at the studio, let me know how Child's Pose feels for you this week. It's a beautiful reminder that rest is productive. Follow us on Instagram @soultribestudio and YouTube @soultribestudio, and come join us for classes. We're open every day with around forty classes a week — there's always something to support you. Call 0447617619 or email [hello@soultribestudio.com.au](mailto:hello@soultribestudio.com.au) if you have any questions



### Marine Rescue NSW volunteers return 800+ boaters to safety in November

Marine Rescue NSW volunteers across the state returned 823 people safely to shore during November, completing more than 370 search and rescue missions, including 108 emergency responses.

Acting Commissioner Todd Andrews said demand remains high for the volunteer service.

"Following successive record months in September and October, our volunteers were in high demand throughout November, completing 373 search and rescue missions, just 18 fewer than the record set in 2022.

"We are seeing more boaters out on the water and expect those numbers to rise as we head into the summer holidays. Boaters need to ensure their vessel is well maintained, carry ample clean fuel, and always wear a lifejacket to avoid becoming a statistic," he said.

Last month, 56% of responses were for engine, battery, and fuel issues, while crews also attended 22 groundings.

"Groundings are avoidable. Boaters must be aware of the tides, the environment, and conditions. If boating in an unfamiliar area, consult local charts and speak with the nearest Marine Rescue NSW unit before heading out," Acting Commissioner Andrews said.

Marine Rescue NSW radio operators managed 17,566 calls in November and kept watch over 19,467 people on board Logged On vessels.

"Logging On is quick and simple and could save your life. Boaters can Log On 24/7 via the free Marine Rescue NSW app or VHF channel 16.

Logging On ensures our skilled volunteers can monitor a boater's safe return, and if they go overdue, a search will be initiated," Acting Commissioner Andrews said.

MONARO – 13 search & rescue missions including 6 emergency responses with 22 people safely returned to shore across all 8 Monaro units – Batemans Bay, Tuross Moruya, Narooma, Bermagui, Merimbula, Eden, Alpine Lakes & Moama.

Number of search and rescue missions in locations of highest demand: Batemans Bay 5, Narooma 4, Bermagui 2, Eden 2

### Disaster Preparedness Presentations

SHASA is working with other organisations to present to community group meetings on how to be better prepared for future emergencies/disasters.

So far, we have presented to CWA Tilba, the Labor Party local branches, Rotary Moruya, Mogo Village Business Chamber, Tuross Head Community Garden, Narooma Community Men's Shed, Tuross Head Progress Association, Durras Progress Association and RFS, Tuross Head Men's Shed, Lions Moruya/Lions Batemans Bay and CWA Moruya.

Presentations have been scheduled for Congo Community Association, Quota Narooma, Rotary Batemans Bay, and CWA Narooma.

If you would like SHASA to give this presentation to an organisation, please contact Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President, on 0467 558 645 or email [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)

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### SHASA'S REPAIR CAFE IS TAKING A HOLIDAY BREAK!

The Repair Cafe Moruya will be taking a well earned summer holiday break!

Our final day for 2025 will be Friday December 12 and we will return in 2026 on Friday 6 February.

Wishing our wonderful, hard-working volunteers a happy holiday!

SEE YOU IN 2026!

## Moruya Ladies Golf

Moruya lady golfers took to the fairways again on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December on what was a wonderful summer day. The ladies paired up into teams of 2 to play a 2 Ball Multiplier. The winners on the day were Angie McMillan and Judi Hebbard with 81 points and runners up were Robyn Hawkins and Nicola Gallon. Balls went to Ruth Snowball, Jo Dixon, Shirley Noy, Christine Quick, Sharon Knight, Cindy Becker, Val Moore and Lyn Gibbs. Nearest the pin was won by Jenny Ellis. Only 2 weeks to go now until we break up for the season.

## Tomakin Twist Tops Bowls

President Pedro welcomed 23 Twisties on a much cooler morning than yesterday. Pedro also congratulated men's Grade 3 team on winning Pennants and Brooke Wilson on becoming South East Region Champion in Open Singles both will now compete at State level. Don't forget to put names down for bowls weekend trip to Cowra in March 2026. Last morning Of bowls this year will be 21st Dec. Returning on 4th January 2026. Robbo's Welfare Report, Sandy is much improved and will be in attendance next Sunday for our Christmas celebration, great news. Winners with Most Winning Ends, Hot Lips, Spike and Brooke (photo)> Runners-up, Scottie and J.H. Brooke selected Rink 1 to try for Jackpot . Winning Skip McGooley cut cards but no luck finding Joker. Lucky numbers, 29 Chanty, 12 Doc. High/Low Scores has finally found two winners McGooley and Trish the Dish on 26/8 a great surprise. Winning teams, "Bert" and Pedro. Bob the Builder and McGooley. Moby and Hoges with Robbo.



## Club Malua Stingrays Women's Bowls

A very warm morning for social bowls and plenty of wind to test us all out. Di Mac welcomed everyone congratulating our Birthday girl Julie Knorpp on passing her Umpires exam, so well done to her. (photo) > Bowls Organiser Jay Breust commented on the single entry Triples Ham Day on Saturday 20th December before calling cards. Winners Rink10, Wendy Geary and Robyn Butcher in a Pairs game. (Photo) >> Runners-up Rink 11, Julie Knorpp, Patricia Weekes and Jenny Blyth. Lucky numbers, 21 Yvonne Huddleston. 59 Fran Lucas. The last day of Social Bowls will be Tuesday 23rd December.



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## Tuross Head Golf



Winner: Herb Muriwai with President Bruce Harding

### Tuross Head Golf Results Thursday 4th December 2025

46 players competed in a Medley Stableford event today. Despite the windy conditions, there were some wonderful scores achieved.

The Winners were:

- 1st: Herb Muriwai (27) with 42 points
- 2nd: Wayne Lilley (15) with 41 points
- 3rd: Dianne Brown (35) with 40 points
- 4th: John Harb (15) with 39 points (countback)

Nearest to the Pins

- 4th: Paul Scholze 2.60 A Grade
- 4th: Allan Langford 1.75 B Grade
- 4th: Anthony Mellick 2.66 C Grade
- 6th: Nick Brice 4.06 A Grade
- 6th: Stephen Swanbury 2.59 B Grade
- 6th: Herb Muriwai 6.07 C Grade
- 7th: Ruth Gschwend 0.76 A Grade
- 7th: Ian Manton 1.69 B Grade

Balls went to: Jennifer Gray 39, Elsa Shearer 38, Kevin Reilly 38, Stephen Gardner 37, Marie Muriwai 37, Peter Garn 36, Paul Scholze 36, Gavan Wheelahan 35 and Bruce Lidbury 35.



Winner: Malcolm Gilbertson with President Bruce Harding and Captain Lars Gaupset.

### TUROSS HEAD MEN'S GOLF OPEN

The Tuross Head Men's Golf Open event was held over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December.

71 players competed in this Stroke event. The major sponsor was Driftwood Shores and a number of local businesses also sponsored the event. Presentations were held on both days with nibblies and BBQ lunches provided for the players. There was fierce competition in all grades and players competed from various Clubs including Canberra, Queanbeyan, Shell Cove, Moruya, Cootamundra, Tathra and Tuross.

The Overall Gross Winners were:  
1st: Malcolm Gilbertson (2) with 139 Gross  
2nd: Lachlan Nordsvan (0) with 151 Gross (countback)

Gross A Grade:  
Mitch Rosser (3) with 151 Gross  
Corey Morschel (5) with 160 Gross

Gross B Grade:  
Ian McManus (15) with 173 Gross  
Steven O'Shea (15) with 174 Gross

Gross C Grade:  
Robert McDonnell (21) with 187 Gross  
Stephen Gardner (21) with 189 Gross

The Overall Nett Winners were:  
Mark Cutmore (14) with 136 Nett (countback)  
Daniel Nickson (24) with 136 Nett

Nett A Grade:  
Jim Wade (14) with 140 Nett  
Josh Morschel (12) with 142 Nett (countback)

Nett B Grade:  
David Schmid (18) with 141 Nett  
David Gray (17) with 143 Nett (countback)  
Nett C Grade:

Paul Pereira (34) with 145 Nett  
Viktor Svarcs (24) with 146 Nett



Winners: Graham Moore, Des Jackson, Linda Puglisi and Tory Puglisi

### Tuross Head Vets Golf Results Wednesday 10th December 2025

A field of 47 players signed up for a 4 person Ambrose Xmas event today. The weather was beautiful and some fabulous scores were achieved. Following the game we had a wonderful presentation and delicious lunch and great raffles prizes, games and songs. Many thanks to all those involved.

The Winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Graham Moore, Des Jackson, Tory Puglisi and Linda Puglisi 28 points.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sandra and Ron Hanlon, Annette and Ian Manton 29 points.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Steve Gardner, Rob McKirdy, Jane and John Eglitis 29.12 points.

Balls or Chocolates went to:

Lorry Grove, Steve Collins, Frank Pomfret and Mike Birks 29.62, Peter Coffey, Paula Coffey, Steve and Teri Swanbury 30.75, and Bruce Ware, Ross Davidson and Herb Muriwai 31.5.

Nearest to the Pins:

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Herb Muriwai (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Steve Swanbury (1<sup>st</sup> Shot)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies: Jane Eglitis (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)  
Mens: Steve Gardner (2<sup>nd</sup> Shot)

Accuracy: Greg Smith (5<sup>th</sup> hole)

Bradman's: Dorothy Madden, Jennifer Gray, Ross Hendy and Steve Johnston.

# Tight Finish in Batemns bay Sailing Club Bhundoo Cup



The finish: Windrush narrowly beat Red Dwarf for the win.



Passing Wind

Bu John Longhurst

The annual Batemans Bay Sailing Club (BBSC) Bhundoo Cup was a tightly fought contest with 7 boats competing last Sunday.

The race started at 10:00am and finished at 11:30 about 4 nautical miles upstream on the Bhundoo (Yuin Nation name for the Clyde River) from the Batemans Bay Bridge.

The aim of the Bhundoo Cup Race is to sail as far up the river as you can within the ninety-minute time limit or the first to reach the bridge at Nelligen. Any competing boat needs to be able to fit under the Bridge (clearance 12 metres at high tide).

With all the variables in river sailing it is particularly challenging as the tide and wind shifts play their part.

The following boats participated; Lucky Drifter, Passing Wind, Red Dwarf, Scenario, Slow Motion, Red Dwarf and Windrush.

The start line was opposite the new public wharf/floating jetty at the Bay adjacent to where the Batemans Bay Sunday markets were in full swing.

The race started at 10:00am and finished at 11:30 about 4 nautical miles upstream of the bridge.

The boats were favoured with a rising tide which helped them upriver. There was a good following wind at the start, but further upstream the wind became fluky, and the boats had to sail against the wind.

The lead changed many times, but in a thrilling finish to the race and in a good breeze the catamaran Windrush, skippered by the Allan Rees, narrowly beat the BBSC Sailing Academy Team on board Red Dwarf, skippered by Jack Egan, by a mere half a boat length.

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